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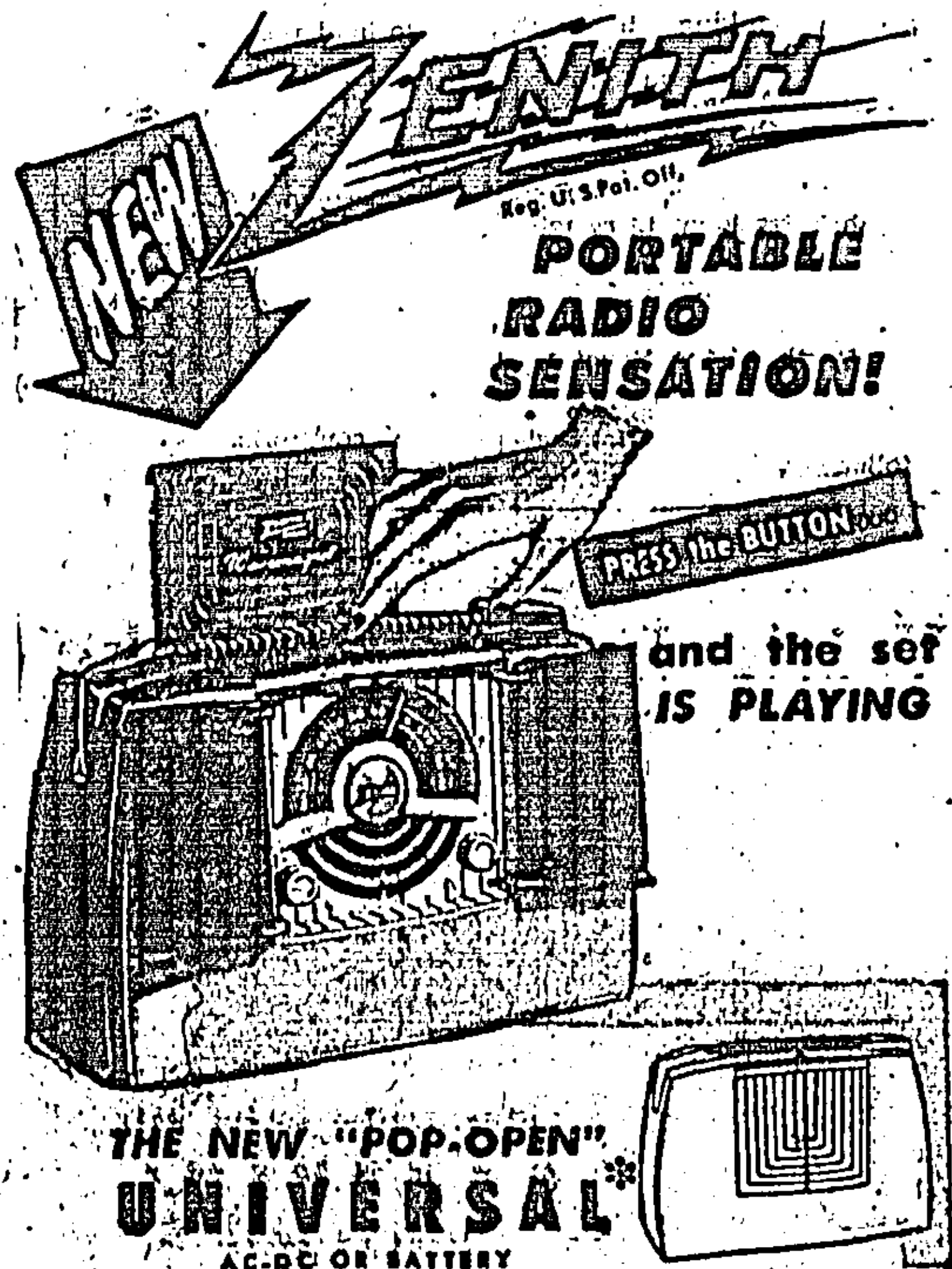
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Regulations On Reconstruction Being Considered

Regulations to enforce reconstruction and rehabilitation of war-damaged property in Hong Kong is under consideration by the authorities concerned, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

Since the Liberation Government has re-entered a total of 46 lots of land—34 on the island and 12 on the Mainland.

In some cases re-entry resulted from non-fulfilment of the building covenant or for failure to maintain and repair part of the property, it was officially stated.

In the majority of the cases, however, the reason for re-entry was non-payment of Crown rent.

The "Sunday Herald" was told that in none of the cases of re-entry has the Government sold the land. The land, however, has become Crown property by virtue of the re-entry. Re-sale will take place in due course except where (the former owner having made good his default) cancellation of the re-entry is conceded.

Applications For

A Government spokesman said yesterday that regarding the 34 lots re-entered on the island, there have been six applications by petition for cancellation of the re-entry. Cancellation in two cases has been conceded. The remaining four are still under consideration.

The spokesman said that according to the Ordinance governing re-entry, petitions for relief against re-entry must be made within 12 months from the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the re-entry in the Land Office of the Memorial of Re-entry. There is, however, a proviso that the Governor-in-Council may in any particular case extend the time.

Most of the re-entries referred to in this report took place in the second half of 1948. Therefore, the time limit for petitions to be filed has not yet expired.

The Government spokesman said that if circumstances are such as to justify relief, cancellation of the re-entry will be conditional on all Crown dues in arrears being fully paid up and all other outstanding breaches of covenant made good to the satisfaction of the Government.

Common Knowledge

Asked in how many instances have land owners started to reconstruct war-damaged sites or signified their intention to reconstruct, the spokesman said that although there is no separate record, it is common knowledge that in certain areas—Mid Level and Upper Levels of the Peak District—a very high proportion of war-damaged buildings have since been rebuilt or rehabilitated.

On the other hand, he added there is a very large number of war-damaged sites in the Central, East and West districts of the island and in Kowloon and New Kowloon where no reconstruction has yet been started.

The spokesman said that should be noted in this connection that though Government has not yet resorted to the enforcement of its powers of re-entry in respect of war-damaged sites, continued failure to rehabilitate war-damaged buildings, constitute a breach of the covenants and conditions of tenancy of the lot from the Crown. Such breaches give rise to re-entry and subsequent forfeiture of the residue of the lease.

Appropriate action for dealing with the problem including procedure to enforce reconstruction and rehabilitation of war-damaged property is now under consideration, the "Sunday Herald" was told.

Government has power to re-enter and retake possession of land in the event of failure to maintain buildings in satisfactory repair and condition—including default to reconstruct or rehabilitate war-damaged premises and default in the fulfilment of the lease obligations under the building covenants.

To Attend Fisheries Meeting

Mr. John Carter, Officer-in-Charge of the Fisheries Department, and Mr. S. Y. Lin, Superintendent of the Fisheries Research Station, will leave Hong Kong for Singapore tomorrow to attend the inaugural meeting of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council on Thursday.

Dr. J. Kask, Chief Biologist of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, who arrived here on Friday will leave for Singapore today to attend the same meeting.

During his stay here, Dr. Kask toured the New Territories, and inspected the Fisheries Research Station, and the fish markets at Aberdeen and Kennedy Town.

The Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council meeting is expected to last 10 days. It will be officially opened by Professor Dodd, of the FAO.

Among the subjects to be discussed are fisheries, social economics and biology.

During Mr. Carter's absence from Hong Kong, Mr. T. G. Strangways, of the Agricultural Department, will be in charge of the Fisheries Department in addition to his normal duties. He will continue in the same capacity when Mr. Carter returns home on leave in April.

Estates Left By Local Residents

Local estate sworn under HK\$827,300 was left by Mr. Fok Chi-ling, alias Fok Chi-hung, alias Fok Hau, alias Huo Hsing-jung, alias Huo Pui-jung.

Mr. Fok, well-known merchant of Hong Kong and Canton, died at his residence, No. 82 Robinson Road, on October 11, 1939, at the age of 59.

An application by Mr. Fok Pao-tai (Fao-tai), banker, for grant of probate and certificate copy of the will, has been granted.

Dr. George Duncan Black, OBE, who was killed by the Japanese at Stanley on December 25, 1941, local estate sworn under HK\$28,300.

Dr. Black, a lieutenant-colonel in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, was at his post at the St. Stephen's College, Stanley, used as a military hospital, in endeavouring to protect the nurse from the Japanese he was killed.

An application by Mr. D. B. Evans, solicitor, for resealing certified copy of letter of administration with will annexed has been granted.

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Lady Grantham, seen at the centre of the stall, officially opened the Grand Bazaar and Fete organised by the Nethersole Hospital in aid of its new Nurses home and training college. "Sunday Herald" Photo.

Passengers Arriving Aboard RMS Canton

A number of passengers embarked for Hong Kong from Southampton by the RMS Canton on March 11. The vessel is due to reach the Colony on April 11 with the following passengers:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Adam, Miss Au Hing, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Billmore, Mr. J. Buckle, Mrs. J. B. Burns, Mrs. H. C. Barton, Mr. H. Cairns, Captain, S. P. Chang, Dr. Chen Yuan-shu, Major C. C. Chen, Air Captain, and Mrs. T. Y. Cheng, Miss P. Chen, Mr. M. M. Cooper, Mr. E. St. J. Corbett, Mrs. D. M. Deane, Mr. W. Doherty, Dr. J. E. Driver, Mrs. Driver, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, Lt. H. H. Feng and Mrs. Feng, Lt. F. Fok, Major A. G. Freebairn, Mr. A. E. Griffiths, Miss I. S. F. Grindley, Mr. P. E. Hammond, Mrs. N. Hay, Mrs. G. Heaton, Mr. S. G. Hemery, Mrs. M. Hirst, Mrs. C. M. Holmes, Capt. S. F. Hsu, Capt. T. H. Hu, Miss C. Hughes, Capt. S. C. Hung, Capt. S. C. Huo, Mrs. B. Joseph, Lt. Col. P. T. Kao, Mr. A. E. Kew, Mr. J. A. King, Mrs. A. Klucnik, Mr. A. Lane, Mrs. Lane, Master A. G. Lane, Capt. T. S. Lee, Mr. A. W. Levett, Dr. Liang Guan-yang, Mr. T. Y. Lo, Mr. A. V. Macphail, Miss M. Malcolm, Mr. S. H. L. Marvin and Mrs. Marvin, Mr. G. J. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. A. H. C. Pinnell, Mrs. F. A. Proulx, Mr. D. I. Robertson, Mrs. K. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robinson, Mrs. C. S. Rolfe, Mrs. J. D. Rowan, Mrs. I. M. Sadler, Mr. J. Sakin, Rev. D. N. Sargent, Mrs. Sargent, Capt. S. Schofield, Mrs. N. H. Shawe, Mrs. H. H. Shipway, Mrs. M. D. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Skinner, Miss J. C. Smilkala, Mr. H. D. Smith, Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mrs. L. D. Spong, Miss J. A. Staveley, Mr. A. P. Taylor-Gill, Mrs. Taylor-Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tehong, Mr. Norman Tunnell, Mrs. Tunnell, Mrs. J. Wan, Mr. K. X. Wong, Mrs. Wang, Mr. Y. F. Wang, Mrs. Wang, Mr. V. Marsh, J. Warburton, Mrs. Warburton, Mr. C. M. Wolosh, Capt. K. K. Wong, and Mrs. Wong, Dr. and Mrs. W. Y. C. Wu, Miss G. Wyler, Mr. D. Yu.

Soloist



MRS. DOKA CHIH

A singer well known to music lovers in the Far East is to be one of the soloists at a concert at the China Fleet Club tomorrow night with the band of The Buffs.

She is Mrs. Doka Chih, lyric coloratura soprano who has given concerts in Manchuria, Peking, Tientsin, Nanking, Tokyo and Canton.

Mrs. Chih was trained at Yenching University, in Peking, in Shanghai (under Mrs. Sullivan), at Macao (Pach) and in Japan (under Miss Hara-Nobuko). Mrs. Chih made her first appearance in Hong Kong at the St. John Ambulance Ball.

Tomorrow night's concert will be broadcast from 9 to 10 p.m.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Taipei House (2nd fl., 50, Macdonnell Road) at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme includes overture "Die Meistersinger"—Wagner. Concerto in E flat major for horn and orchestra—Mozart. "Pavane Angelica" (a theme by Gligli) Frank.

Variations on a theme by Haydn—Brahms. Impromptu in A flat—Schubert. Symphony in B flat major, No. 6—Schubert.

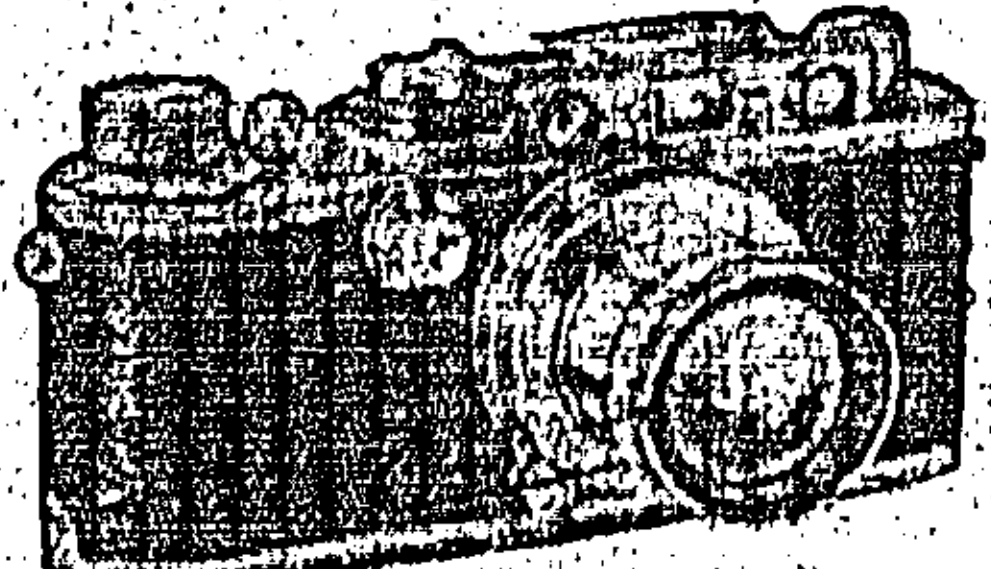
DECREE NISI

A decree nisi, granted on December 13, 1948, to Rose Irene Remedios of 23, Wing Hing Street, 2nd floor, who petitioned for a dissolution of her marriage to Mario Dos Remedios, 23 Hounstin Street, ground floor, was made absolute by Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday.

The petition was made on the ground of adultery by respondent.

The weekly meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, will be a closed meeting.

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Sequel To Traffic Accident

A traffic accident in Tin Lok Lane, on Thursday evening, when a lorry knocked over a car driven by Dr. Fok Wing-kai, had a sequel in court yesterday.

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central, Reginald Gordon Guinness, aged 36, CRE, H. Q. Land Forest, was charged with careless driving and failing to stop after an accident. Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Inspector Goodman said that at 10.30 p.m. on Thursday, Dr. Fok was driving his car No. 1481 along Hennessy Road and on reaching the junction at Tin Lok Lane, slowed down in order to make a right turn in the same time putting on the traffic indicator.

While making the turn, a lorry travelling from behind hit Dr. Fok's car and turned it over. In the car at that time was Dr. Fok's wife and mother-in-law. All three of them were badly shaken.

After the accident the army lorry A3242 did not stop but went on along Hennessy Road.

Badly Damaged

Enquiries made by Inspector Goodman revealed that Guinness was the driver of the lorry at the time of the accident. Dr. Fok's car was badly damaged. Major Barrett said in defence Guinness had missed his bus for Stanley and was in a hurry. He took a military lorry and was driving along Hennessy Road.

At the time of the accident, Guinness was a turn but unfortunately the lorry touched the car. It was more or less an error of judgment.

Guinness had been with the Army for 18 years and his conduct had been good. During the war he was taken prisoner in the battle of Tobruk and was for two years a prisoner of war in Italy. At the end of 1944 he escaped from camp into the hills of Italy. Later he was responsible for the escape of several British prisoners of war. For his good work he was mentioned in dispatches.

Major Barrett told the Court that the damage to the car had been put right.

Expenses Claim

Dr. Fok said that he would not like to claim compensation for injuries but wanted the court to make an order for \$420, as his travelling expenses when the car was under repair.

The magistrate told Dr. Fok that he could not make such an order.

Major Barrett said the Guinness salary was \$100 a week and that he had a wife and two children to support.

Mr. Lo said that it was a serious offence and in view of Major Barrett's plea in mitigation and defendant's good conduct, he would impose a fine of \$100 or one month.

Guinness is being given a month's time to pay the fine.

Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved by the Chief Justice in the action brought by Tsui Chun, 77-year-old widow, to establish her claim to ownership of 184 Queen's Road Central.

Hearing of the case, which had lasted six days, concluded yesterday morning after counsels on both sides addressed the Court. She claimed that the sale of the property made by her stepson, Fung Kwok-hing, in 1945 was illegal in that it was made without her authority or knowledge.

Contesting her claim are Tsui Tsing-ying, married woman, and Tsui Sing-po, widow, who claimed to have bought the property from Fung Kwok-hing in 1945. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Leo C. Alameda KC instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, was for defendants.

CAR DRIVER HAD NO LICENCE

Gerald Lam, aged 28, superintendent of the National Oil and Paint Company, was yesterday fined \$150 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central for driving a car without a licence.

Defendant was seen driving a private car on Friday along King's Road near the Ritz Apartment. The policeman stopped his car and questioned him.

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Pastime Grows Into Business

Down a long flight of steps behind Number 110 Nathan Road is the Kowloon Aquarium, a place of mysterious shadows and dark smells, where poor school-boys and sophisticated Peck dwellers rub shoulders.

For 31 years Mr. George Bing, the proprietor, has been rearing fish for people to look at.

What began as a pastime has grown into a business so thriving that he is now planning an extension of his present premises.

All day long people come to the aquarium, some to buy, others just to look, pressing their noses against the glass walls of tanks containing some 60 or 70 different kinds of fish.

"Most of all the boys like the eel-puffers," Mr. Bing said, "but even grown-up people like them because they are so funny looking."

The salamander tank, which is outside the heated tropical fish room, swarms with these strange, spotted creatures, brown on top with orange blotches on the underside.

Miniature Crocodiles. They look like miniature crocodiles, but have far sweeter dispositions, according to Mr. Bing. "They're not poisonous and they won't bite," he promised, offering to let the reporter hold one.

For people who do not like salamanders there are many other fish from which to choose. Running in size from pinhead-like baby goldfish to four or five-inch adults of various species, they come from all over China, and from Singapore, Java, Sumatra and Ceylon.

Most of the goldfish come from Beijing and Canton.

Mr. Bing explained that people who found tropical fish too much trouble usually bought goldfish.

Varied Goldfish. In the yard beside the aquarium half a dozen sunken concrete tanks and twice as many standing tanks hold nothing but goldfish of various kinds. One tank, which at first glance appeared empty, actually contained between 5,000 and 6,000 tiny, newly hatched goldfish.

All members of the species are not necessarily "gold" in colour, however. Blotched and speckled with black, salmon or blue, they seem to be of endless variety.

Important though they are to Mr. Bing's aquarium, the goldfish have plenty of competition in the heated room where the tropical fish are kept.

These are fish from your dreams. Striped, polka-dotted, blotchy, and flecked, you just have to see them to believe.

One of the most glamorous of these warm-water dwellers is the angel-fish—a thin peeling of silver with delicate, sooty stripes.

Others, less angelic, are carnivorous, like the guppy which frequently eats its young. Siamese fighting-fish, the warriors of the aquarium, are also very popular.

Breeding fish to be looked at rather than eaten is a fascinating occupation. Just ask Mr. Bing.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$308.75 a tael and closed at \$309.87½. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$310.50 and \$308.12½.

US dollars were steady at HK\$5.20½.

Gold Yuan in Hong Kong were steady at HK\$5.40 for 10,000. Canton and Shanghai remittances were at \$6.35 and \$4.87½ respectively.

Pistoles were stationary at HK\$10.05 a 100.

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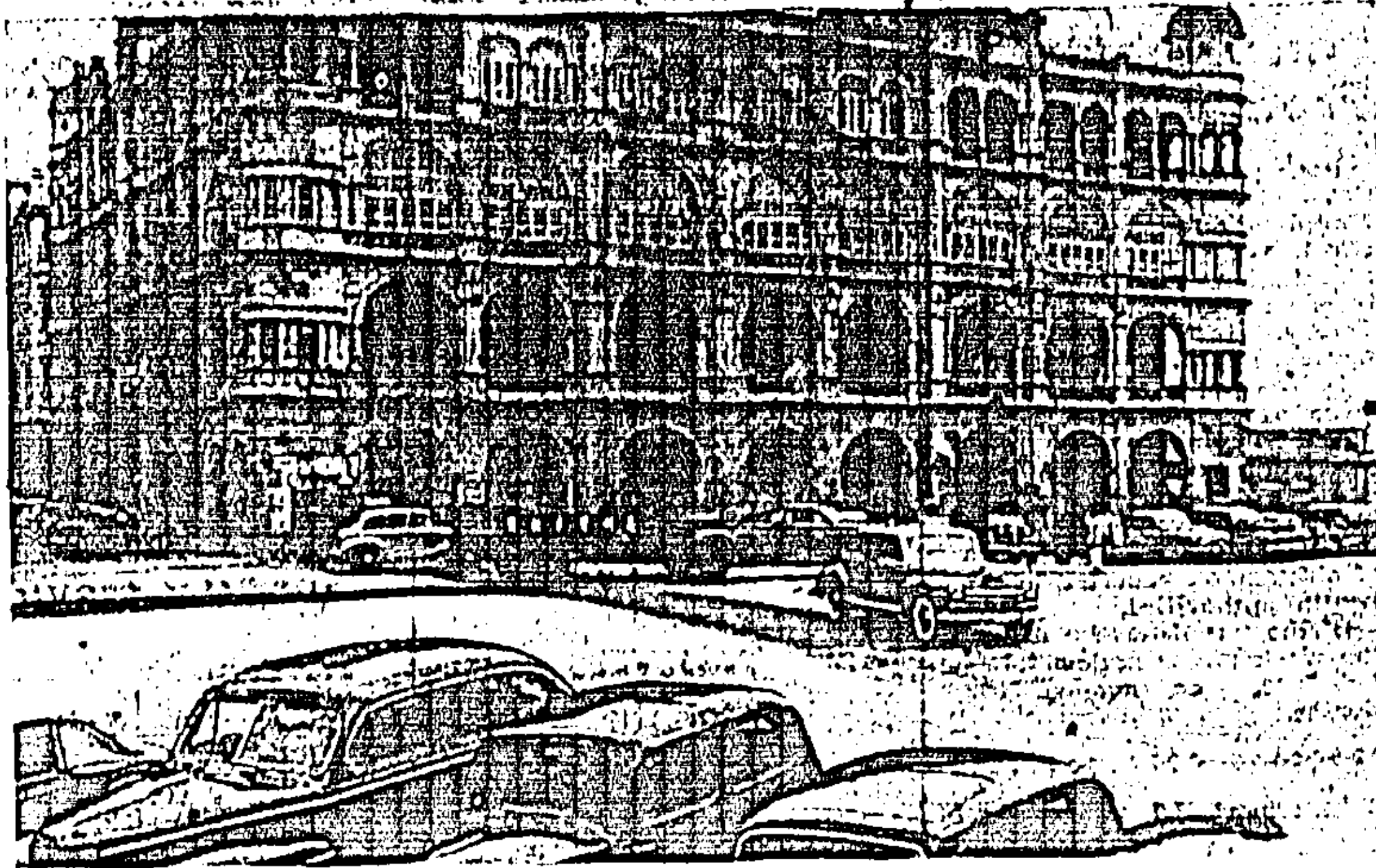
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Personalia

Departures for Shanghai from Hong Kong yesterday by Hong Kong Airways included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. E. Bauncarten, Mrs. L. Miao, Mr. T. H. Loh, Miss C. Y. Yen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Pei, Miss M. W. Joo, Mr. C. Chung, Mrs. L. M. Bao Chang, Mr. C. C. Lee, Mr. Y. C. Lee, Mr. T. J. Yang, Mr. T. I. Chen, Mr. S. M. Mah, Mr. Cheng Ting-Fung, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutton, Mr. F. M. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sharps and Mr. C. S. Currie.

Messrs. A. D. Bennett, H. M. Gregory, Tung Sik Ying left for Sydney and Mrs. A. S. V. Lindberg left for Darwin yesterday by Quana Airways.

Mr. C. D. Eccles of Butterfield and Swire arrived here from Sydney by the ss. Tshun yesterday.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Bernard, Mrs. C. H. Herant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvert, Messrs. K. M. Carter, W. G. Moyers, C. Duff, U. B. Han, E. J. Decker, V. Y. Ho, F. P. J. H. Clark, and R. Rechter.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. L. Sharps, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Vind, Messrs. L. Arnet, S. L. Smith, M. Bokstad, J. N. Palmer, S. W. George, Su Ning, J. Shell, F. J. Willard, and M. Landau.

Passengers who left for Yokohama on Friday by BOAC were Mr. N. A. Brown, Mr. R. Zindel, Mr. T. A. Cader, Mr. Rochester, Mr. Ubbahn, Mr. D. H. Williams, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. D. W. M. Pierotti, Mr. C. H. Ellis, Mrs. Chin Yee-sun, Mr. Yung Kwong-yau, Mr. P. Richards and Miss P. Richards.

Major-General A. D. Campbell, Brigadier W. G. R. Nutt, Miss E. F. Watkins, and Mr. P. O. G. Wakham left for Singapore yesterday by BOAC.

Leaving



Mr. Victor Kenniff, CBE, is due to leave Hong Kong for Australia on Wednesday on leave prior to retirement. He has served for 25 years in the Public Works Department of Fiji, Cyprus, Palestine and Hong Kong. Mr. Kenniff arrived in the Colony in 1946 to direct the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Hong Kong. A presentation of a silver tea set was made to him yesterday by his colleagues in the Public Works Department. "Sunday Herald" Photo.

Although the site, formerly occupying the Queen Victoria statue pedestal, has been paved and thrown open to traffic, some motor car drivers, by force of habit, still steer their vehicles round the paved area instead of cutting directly across as they should. The removal of the pedestal and trees further up Chater Road has considerably improved traffic conditions. "Sunday Herald" Photo.

News Of Compromise Thaws Cold Silence

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

News of the Franco-Annamese compromise over the status of Indo-China has evidently thawed the cold silence with which arrivals from the guerrilla-ridden country formerly shrouded themselves.

"It is an opportune moment to discuss the plans which will restore Indo-China to its pre-war conditions and also make it an important nucleus of the international tourist and air transport trade," "Old Indo-China hands" aboard the ss. Helikon and ss. San Miguel declared yesterday.

Piecing together what they have read and heard, the veterans on the Hong Kong-Indo-China run asserted that the French working in conjunction with the "native" authorities are planning to make Saigon an indispensable link in the world-wide networks of the major airlines, and also establish a "Riviera" near Haiphong.

Salon is undergoing rapid reconstruction, despite the occasional "grenade incidents". The city's largest hotel is being renovated to accommodate more persons in anticipation of the expected arrivals of visitors when Saigon becomes an international centre of both tourists and airmen.

The ambitious "Riviera" programme includes a modern programme at Haiphong and a floating hotel, they said. Work is under way at present, perhaps they will begin receiving guests by next year.

The Far East "mecca" of the idle rich will be situated along the sandy shores of the Bay, where the scenic beaches are in seclusion from the heavy seas, being well protected by a chain of islets.

"The environments there are beautiful. The sandy beaches remind me of your Repulse Bay, with a spectacular background of evergreen foliage," an officer said.

Shuttle Service

"Communication between the hotel, which will be anchored somewhere in the placid Bay, and Haiphong will be by motor boats operating on regular shuttle runs," said another.

"You can already see the progressive signs of Indo-China re-opening," he said. "By then, Dalat would have ready all the facilities and amenities to meet any influx."

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Long And Short Of It

Sir—A few months ago Government attempted to justify its spending of some HK\$4,000,000 of public funds in erecting 20 flats at Leighton Hill for Government Servants by explaining that a long term view had been taken, and that the best materials available had been used in the construction.

Now, Government apparently has dropped its long term policy for a short term one by planning to build temporary accommodation for Government Servants at Dinak's Link—some 23 bungalows at the cost of HK\$745,000.

A number of private housing projects have been turned down by Government because the structures proposed were to be of a temporary nature. Government insisted on reinforced concrete buildings in all instances. Now, the same Government has the audacity to ask the public's approval to spend almost a million dollars for a temporary housing scheme—not for the public but for Government Servants.

One of the projects which have been turned down is the Workers' Quarters Scheme proposed by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, whose object apparently is to lower costs of production and at the same time provide their workers with suitable accommodation.

The reason given for the proposed 25 bungalows is to "relieve congestion in hotels". Do the hotels represent the majority in Hong Kong? Why not plan a scheme to relieve congestion in overcrowded flats, and provide

Salvation Army Drive

The staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has contributed HK\$1,582 to the Salvation Army, which now needs HK\$4,254,230 to reach the HK\$100,000 target for this year. Latest contributions follow:

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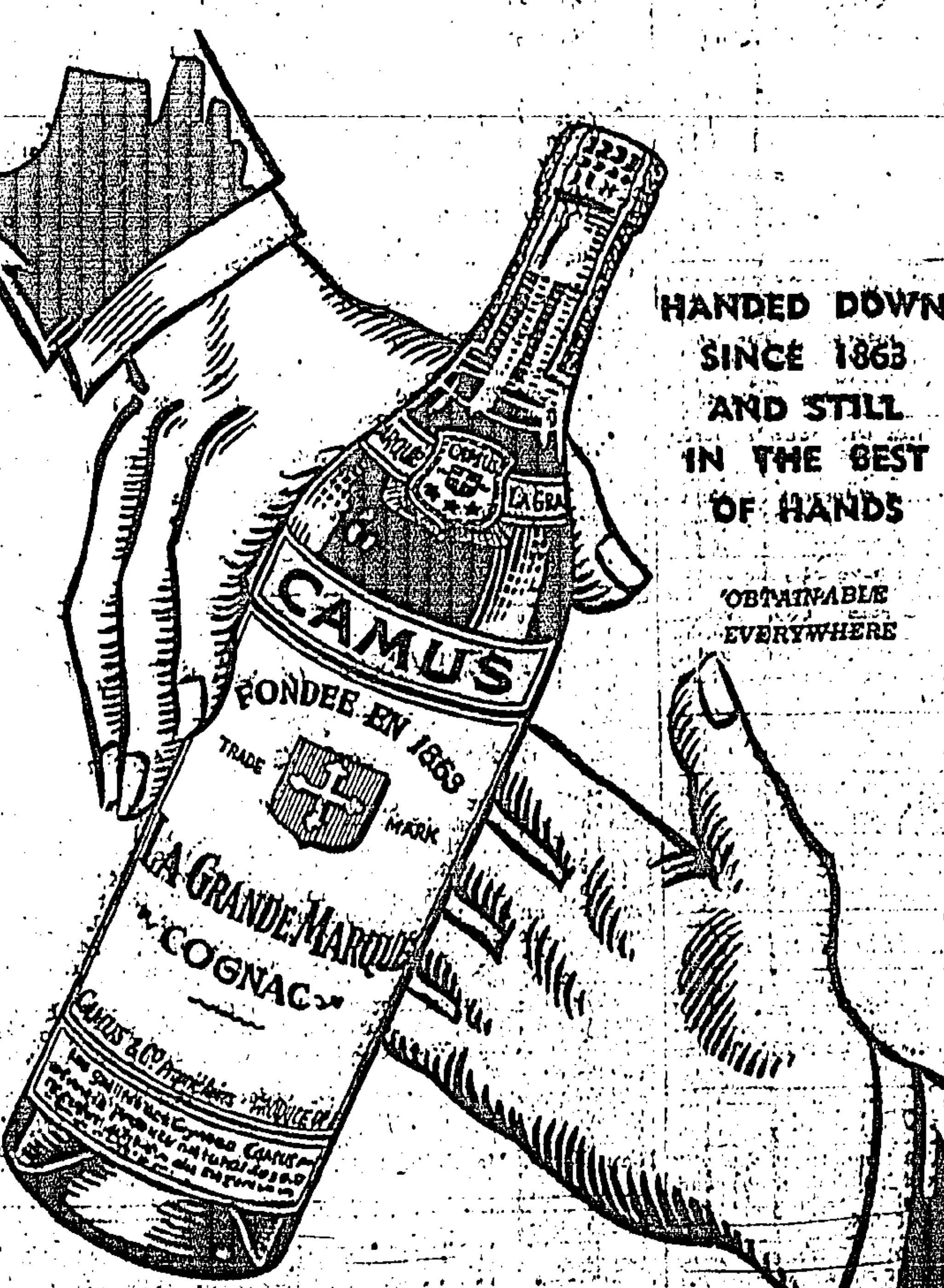
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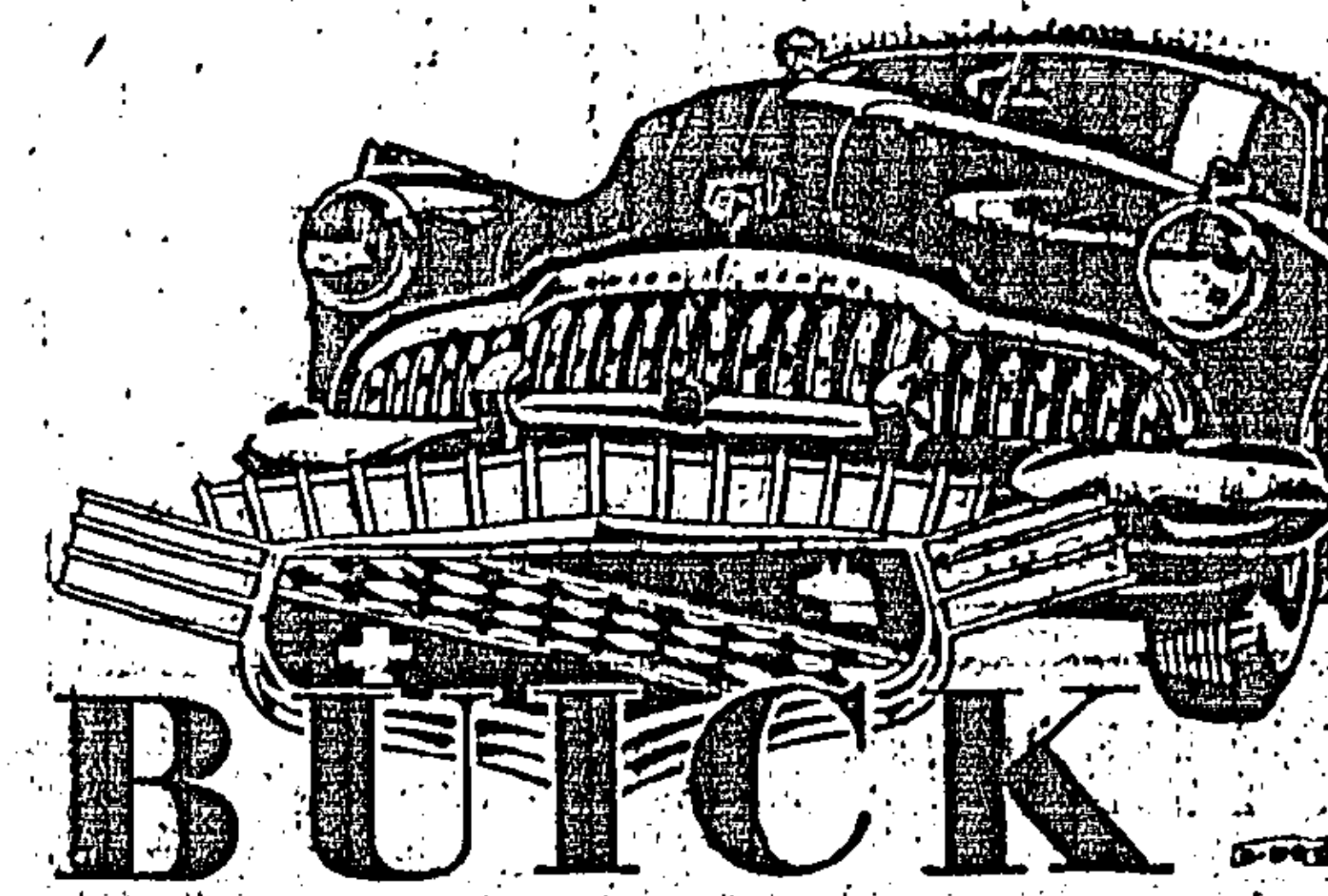
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Tuesday	March 22nd	Roch Leung v. Taul Wai Pul	
Wednesday	" 23rd		
Friday	" 25th		
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Monday	March 28th		
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Wednesday	" 30th	K. H. Ip & T. T. Chen	

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Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

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Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

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Kwloon Court Brevities

Pun Kwok-yin aged 29, unemployed, asked for and received \$10 from Cheung Sun, aged 30, unemployed. This sum was stated to be for money paid to Pun when he promised Cheung that he would get him a job. Two days after Cheung, the complainant went to see Pun about the promised job when he was asked for a further \$5. Complainant became suspicious and reported the matter to the police when Pun was arrested and charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday with obtaining money under false pretences. Pun was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

Without relatives or friend in the Colony and having no money, a juvenile stole two tins of cigarettes. As the juvenile Court yesterday taking the boy's circumstances into consideration, Mr. A. D. Scholes cautioned and discharged him on the larceny offence, but ordered the boy to be expelled under the vagrancy ordinance. Inspector Orem prosecuted.

A fine of \$500 or three months' imprisonment was imposed on two men charged with being in possession of ammunition, by Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday. Cheung Sik, aged 40, stated that he had picked up the 1,475 rifle ammunition heads near Hung Hom. The other defendant, Chow Fu, aged 35, a marine hawker, bought the ammunition from Cheung to sell as copper. The ammunition heads were ordered to be confiscated. DSI McDonald prosecuted. Searched by women Revenue Officers, an assortment of gold of various descriptions were found concealed in the underclothes of a woman passenger about to board a plane at Kai Tak, outward bound. After careful examination of the gold, some pieces which the magistrate regarded as bona fide jewellery, were returned to the owner, who was sobbing pitifully in court. The remainder was ordered to be confiscated. Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.

Lai On, aged 24, a Chinese army officer, was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes with attempt-

Four Deaths From Measles

Four persons died of measles during the week ended March 5 and the bodies of two individuals who had died of smallpox were picked up from the streets of the Colony, according to official figures released yesterday. In the same week, there were 62 deaths from tuberculosis, bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 402—an average of more than seven a day. There were also 15 cases of chickenpox reported to the health authorities. Births registered during the week under review totalled 990, as against 302 deaths.

Cheng Hung, aged 23, a fireman LEP, attached to Whitfield Barracks, was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday with unlawful and malicious wounding of Police Constable 911, and Police Constable 297. On application by DSI Leslie, the officer prosecuting, the case was remanded to Tuesday.

Only Seven Apply For Apartments

There were only seven applicants yesterday for the six rooms to be come vacant soon at the Melbourne Apartments, Kimberley Road, Kowloon. Three of the applicants were equipped with Hong Kong Resident Declaration Cards.

The seven included a Chinese woman. Only one of the six rooms was vacant yesterday. The other five, at present occupied by transient guests, will become vacant before the end of the month, the "Sunday Herald" was told yesterday. A Government spokesman said yesterday that a total of 211 Hong Kong Resident Declaration Cards have been issued by the Quarantine Authority's office. In some instances the bigger hotel managements have not insisted on permanent guests obtaining the necessary declarations to qualify for the controlled rates for accommodation.



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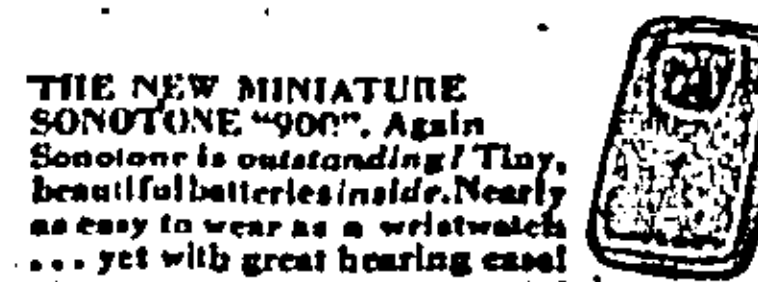
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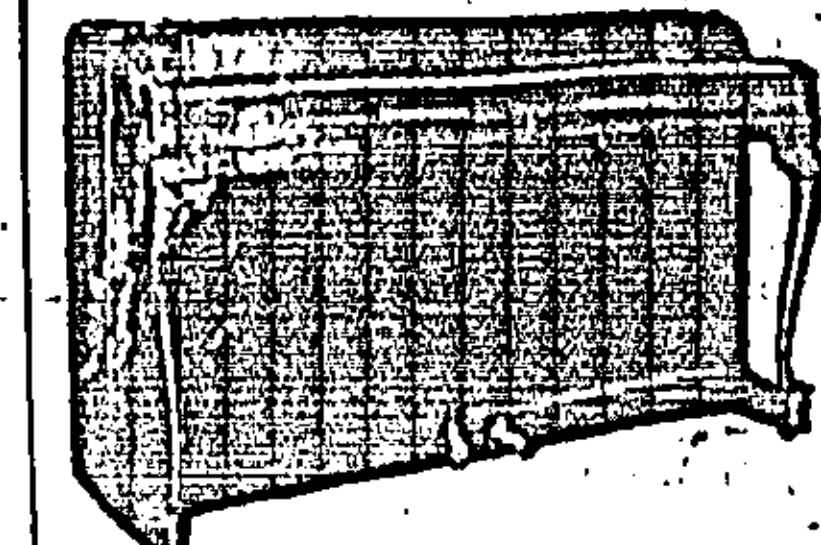
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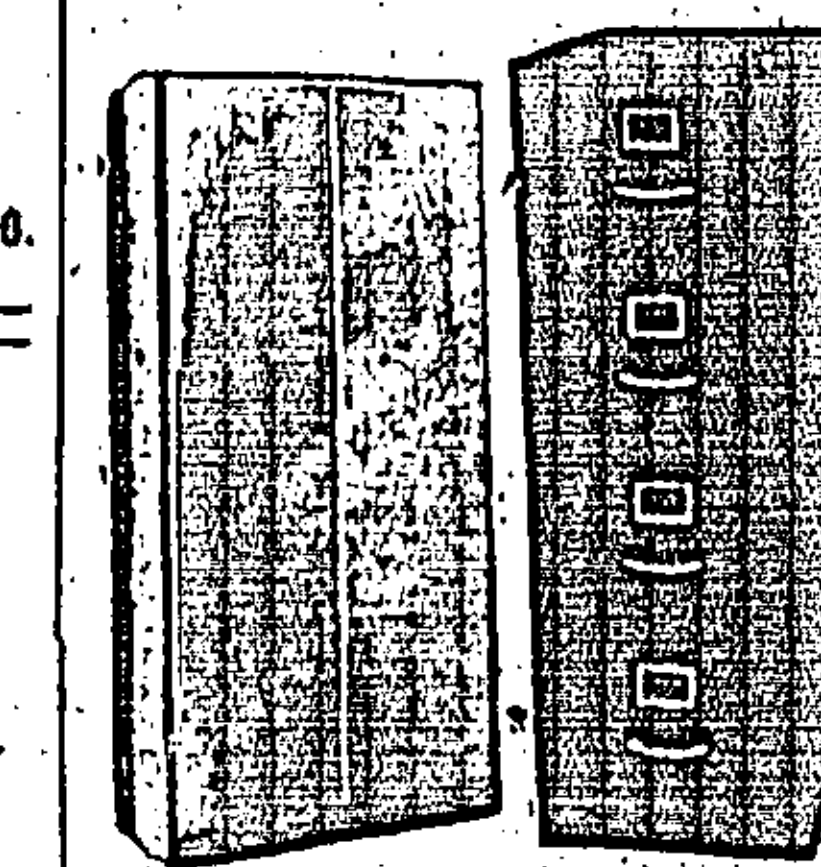
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JANUARY

(December 21-January 19)

More than one important scheme comes to maturity about Wednesday. This could be an outstandingly profitable week if you make good use of your connections and are not afraid to voice your just claims. Much discussion develops over some family changes or proposed journey over the week-end.

FEBRUARY

(January 20-February 18)

Promises made this week are not likely to be fulfilled before the middle of next month but ground work could be put in for successful ventures later. Ups and downs financially but you regain lost ground, probably make unexpected gains on Saturday.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)

Exert yourself to be hospitable and helpful in next few days. Money laid out on behalf of friends on Sunday and Wednesday would prove a good investment. Family and personal difficulties likely to fade into the background until Saturday.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)

Provided you can put in extra work and go ahead with new schemes, surprisingly profitable week. From Tuesday onwards it will be worth while driving both yourself and others to unusual effort. Surprises over an intimate matter may prove somewhat disturbing on Saturday.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)

It will be worth while making duty visits, adhering to social observances in next few days. About Wednesday you are likely to make an acquaintance who will be helpful in near future. Interesting prospects for speculative schemes, particularly on Wednesday and Saturday.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)

It looks as though you will get what financial backing you need without much trouble. Both family friends and your own associates do their best for you. End of week should bring a pleasant surprise which is prelude to more interesting developments end of month.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)

Don't act alone this week. It should be easy to get the right co-operation and you will do better in a partnership. A good week for travel, developing foreign business, going after a better job.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)

Finance should be on the up-grade, probably as a result of efforts put in early in 1949. But family affairs may be in a tangle first half of week. You are not likely to shake yourself free of them till Thursday. Socially a promising period. Don't neglect invitations, introductions.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)

Windfalls or gambler's luck Wednesday for many people born in this period. Important week too, socially with prospects of contacting some influential people. If married, partner's affairs and interests develop rapidly.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)

If you are interested in property or have something to sell,

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

This should be a fortunate week. Developments on Wednesday will play into your hands, bring useful folk your way. Towards end of week promising link-up gets nearer completion.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)

If inclined to take speculative chances, choose Wednesday and Thursday as the days on which to plunge. Up and down week financially but money made in unexpected ways and through casual encounters. More satisfactory relationships established with staff.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)

Money comes in without much effort on your part and probably as a result of some activity on behalf of family or friends. But a change of week in personal affairs and possibly a period of tension in the home. Last few days should bring social progress or adventure.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20: — FOR MOST OF US: Put ambitious social schemes on one side and be content with informal pleasures. More suitable for quiet thought or church-going than for outdoor amusement. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This coming year should prove a time of new interests and absorbing new undertakings but unless you are careful, it may also prove to be one of muddle. Although you are likely to lead a full and varied existence, on the material side you will tend to blunder, make the wrong decision. So be careful about money matters throughout the year and more particularly round about Christmas and the New Year of 1950. New projects are likely to be alluring and to bring success and enhanced prestige but they may entail more expenditure than you can reasonably afford.

If a creative worker, interested in the arts or occultism, this should be a year to remember. Self-expression will be easy and you should readily obtain a market for what you create. October is likely to be an important month. But whatever your occupation, you will gain in understanding and mental capacity this year. By your next birthday you will probably have attained a new outlook on many points, have laid the foundations of some useful philosophy or taken the first steps towards success and responsibility. In personal life there are some worriers ahead. Women, especially, will make trouble for you towards the end of the year. But 1949/50 will be a year of valuable new friendships—one of which seems destined to affect your life for many years to come.

MONDAY, MARCH 21: FOR MOST OF US: Though schemes may go wrong this morning, be patient. About mid-afternoon conditions should be more settled. Take care you don't make a new enemy or fall foul of relatives. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Soft brown, 8, Dark sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Frankly this is likely to be a somewhat difficult year until about Christmas or the New Year of 1950. It is up to you to be patient, self-controlled throughout the first few months. If you lose your temper readily, make undesirable changes in a hurry, you will re-

This is the fourth of a weekly series of articles by one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

gret them before your next birthday. As far as possible postpone changes of any kind until just before your next birthday.

About January 1950 you should get an opportunity to establish yourself more securely, make arrangements that should serve you well for a number of years. About June this year and again in November and December you will be seriously tempted to break away from your present environment and to make changes at any cost. But such action would merely lead to trouble so restrain yourself if you can.

But better face the probability of serious clashes and an estrangement that lasts for some time. Don't neglect health in 1949 and be careful to guard against scalds, cuts, burns. Also, better make sure you are covered against loss through fire. Danger periods in this connection would be April and November this year and March 1950. Older people will stand by you loyally throughout the year and you are likely either to inherit money or get substantial help from a relative and intimates or family friends. But within your circle of relatives and intimates there is likely to be contention. It will take you all your time and a good deal of tact to avoid serious fallings out in the next year.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22: FOR MOST OF US: Provided you keep all schemes above board and are direct in your methods, all's well today. But intrigue would flourish if given an opportunity this afternoon. Beware would be borrowers and lenders. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Red-brown, 6, Onyx.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: An atmosphere of restlessness and change is likely to prevail throughout most of the coming year but in spite of it your next birthday will probably find you in much the same circumstances as you are at present. There will be much talk of reshuffles, a good deal of coming and going but few important developments. Your main difficulty this year will be to stick to any one venture long enough to make a success of it.

You will take up one idea after another and then grow tired of it. You will feel that success is just around the corner but somehow not quite catch up with it. Yet in spite of all this, your income is not likely to diminish. Yes, it should be a fairly good year financially and you should make a few speculative gains, most probably in April or June.

But it would be wise to be on your guard against treacherous adversaries and to attend to any important money details yourself. Be careful to whom you entrust responsibility this year. It will be a year of rumours, few of them reliable. Much of what you fear will never happen but apprehension will probably keep

you on the alert. Not until just before your next birthday are you likely to see your way clearly ahead. You make many acquaintances this year and probably have much to do with people from other countries, but close relationships are not likely to change. You should find 1949-50 a happy period provided you can keep mischief-makers from taking a hand in your affairs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23: FOR MOST OF US: An easy day for most people. Business deals go through without trouble, social life proves unexpectedly agreeable. A good day for asking favours, building up goodwill. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Dark-red, 3, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: In so much as the stellar indications are concerned, you can have pleasant anticipations and few fears this year. For once your "luck" will be in, particularly in business and financial matters. Indeed, progress may be so easy that you tend simply to drift towards the end of the period. A change to make a good deal of money should come your way before Christmas or early in the New Year of 1950.

If in a profession, then you take an important step forward: in trade, turnover increases more than you could have hoped. At the same time you have a good chance of speculative gains, particularly during October, December and January. Socially, too, it will be an important year. If you have social ambitions, you should get a chance of realising them before your next birthday, partly through the help of women friends and relatives. If, too, you have political interests, a chance to further them should develop in about nine months time. There is some danger that you will become unduly careless about money during your prosperous period this year. Better take some thought about the future for conditions may not be so propitious in 1950 and '51.

Also, trade rivalry or personal enmity is likely to develop just before your next birthday. A broken friendship may do something towards clouding your success this year, but on the whole life should be happy and prosperous. It is an ideal year for getting married and, if already settled, for adding to the family. The standard of family comfort should appreciate considerably before your next birthday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24: FOR MOST OF US: Don't be afraid to launch daring schemes, initiate changes, take both physical and financial risks. Morning hours particularly suitable for important schemes. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Scarlet, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Born when you were, your birth stars will have endowed you with a good deal of courage and energy.

Developments this year will bring out both these characteristics and should enable you to make good use of your birth right. For throughout 1949/50 prizes will go to the brave and the enterprising. Changes should work out well and difficult or dangerous schemes would have an excellent chance of success.

Indeed, the more risks you take within reason, the better. So, if the chances are good, don't hesitate to make a clean break and start out on something quite new. If you have been thinking of setting up on your own, the early weeks of 1950 would be a good time to do so. The same period is excellent for seeking promotion or a better job.

It would also be fortunate for a move to another part of the country. Indeed, whether or not you leave your present district, a change of residence is indicated this year. Your own health and that of the family would benefit from a fresh environment and you should get a chance to bring one about in nine months time. It might be worth while buying land or property towards the end of this year. If single, consider marriage this year. The stars will play into your hands in such matters and you would probably make a happy and successful match. If married, there will be much to do with male relatives throughout 1949 and one youth or young man in the family circle should achieve some success.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25: FOR MOST OF US: Difficult to stick to one line of work or a settled programme but enjoyable day nevertheless. Arrange tele-grams, deal with personal problems, follow new acquaintanceships. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Violet blue, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: It looks as though you will enjoy life thoroughly in 1949/50 but that in material matters you will be inclined to become entangled in curious incidents, intrigues and undertakings. Much could be done to enhance personal prestige and magnetism and to establish personal success. But from a financial and business angle progress will not be quite so easy. Many suggestions of an attractive kind will be made to you in the next few months and you will probably be dazzled by the prospect of "easy money." But it would not be wise to count on anything materialising without effort on your part.

Don't, for example, throw up a safe and comfortable job for the sake of one of which you are not sure. Indeed, important changes would be best postponed at any rate until just before your next birthday. Better play for safety in financial matters and concentrate on extending personal influence and establishing goodwill.

Indeed, any success you achieve in 1949/50 will depend very much on what goodwill you have built up in the last five or six years.

Friends should be invaluable to you this year. It looks as though you would plunge wholeheartedly into some new social group or a society that is concerned with religious or artistic matters. Round about October you would be likely to take the first steps towards a link-up with something of this kind. A link-up which should prove immensely valuable in days to come.

It will be a year of unusual and unforgettable happiness but it is difficult to foresee just how it will come about. In a number of instances such good fortune may depend upon the attainment of some intellectual or spiritual ideal, in others it will arise from a friendship of an unusual and idealistic kind.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26: FOR MOST OF US: Banish worry and make a break with your usual routine. Useless settling down to a monotonous job or indulging in self-pity. Prizes to be had if you go out and look for them. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Electric blue, 4, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: It looks as though the year of your life that begins today will mark a turning-point in your existence. A change-over is indicated either in June of this year or about February 1950. The intervening months will probably be full with the clearing up of present problems and ending of more than one existing tie. Change-over this year will mean a break with at least one old friend and possibly with the family but it will be worth while in the end. Incidentally, you are pretty certain to have anxiety about family affairs in any case and loss or separation with one older person is possible. A long-standing business association is also likely to come to an end, but as much from your wish to end it as from changing circumstances. Don't try to cling to outworn connections simply for the sake of old times. It would be a wiser policy this year to think and plan for the future. It is a good year for travel and you need not hesitate to take advantage of any opportunities you get to move about. Also, if in trade, consider developing a foreign business and also bringing your own methods up to date.

Whether or not you go abroad, you are likely to have much to do with foreigners. Although relationships with parents or older people may be somewhat sad this year, yet it should not be an unhappy year. New link-ups do much to make life interesting and at the same time will be helpful in your own mental and spiritual progress. But if single it might be wise to postpone marriage, anyway until 1950.

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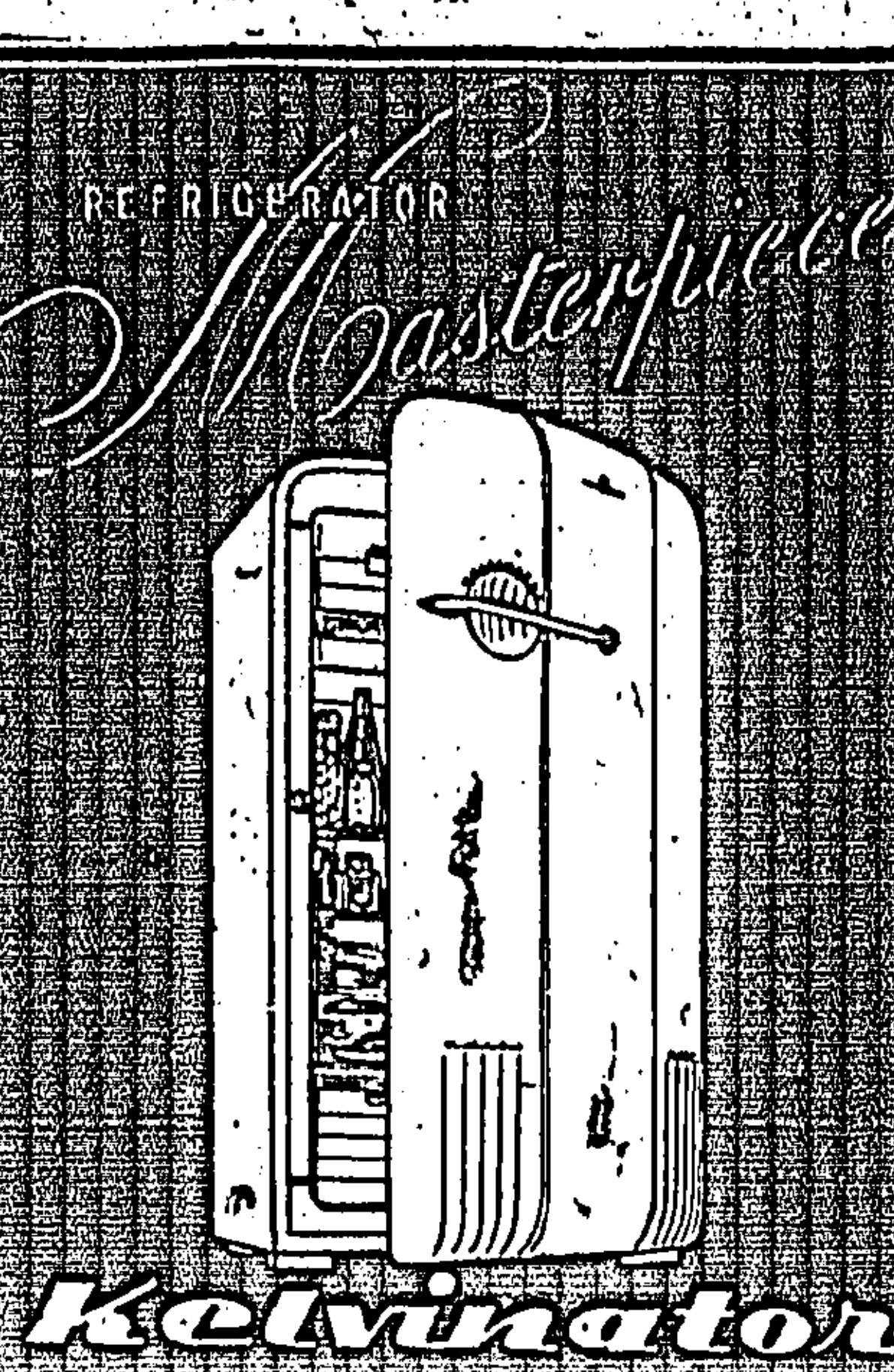
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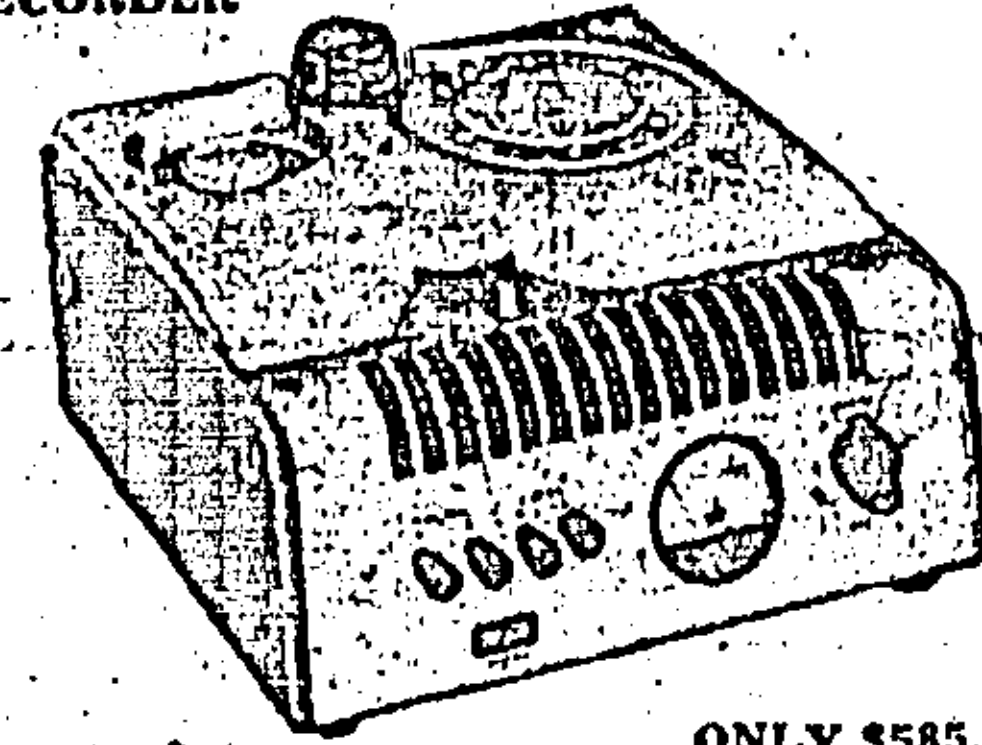
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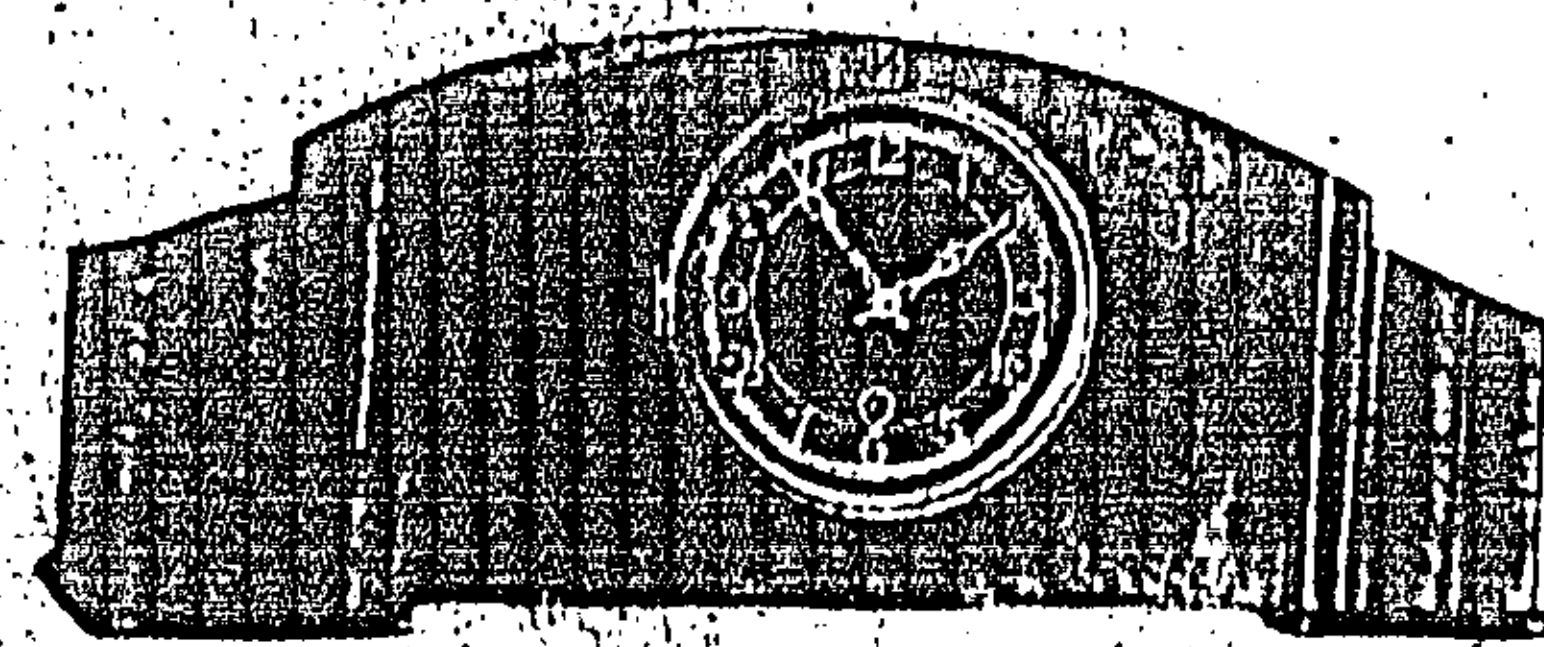
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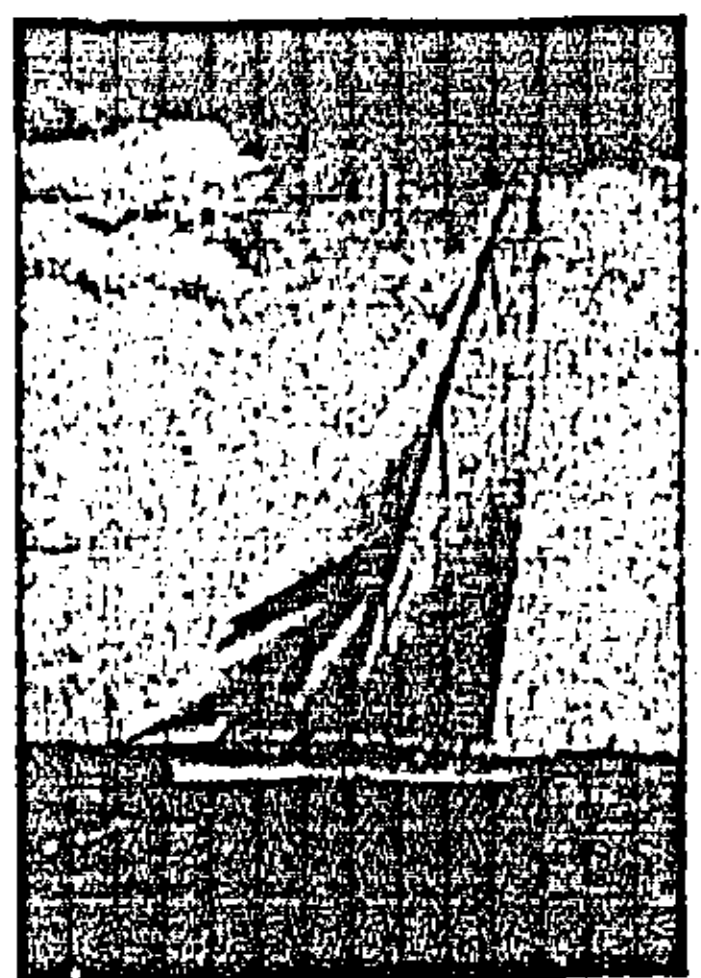
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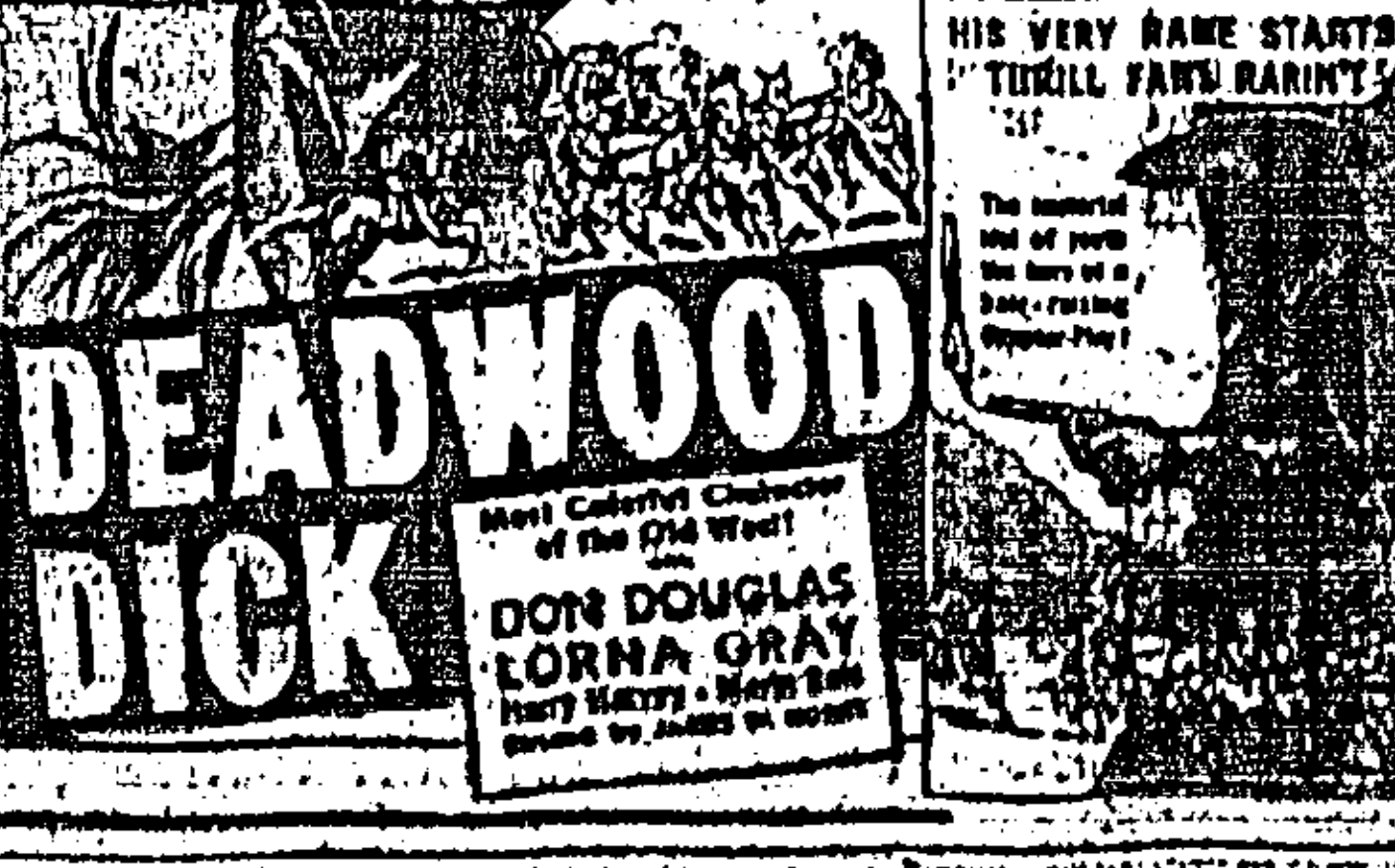
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STALIN PLANS DEPEND ON EUROPE'S RECOVERY

New York, March 18.

LIGHTS OF LONDON TO GO UP

London, March 18.
The lights of London and other British towns, restricted in the post-war years owing to the fuel shortage, are to go up again, through a relaxation in the electricity regulations announced today.

Pleasantly, in London's West End, will light up its big advertising signs for the first time since before the war, and shop windows will also be lighted. Street lighting will again be at full power instead of three-quarters as at present. The relaxation will last from April 2 to October 2, but will be re-imposed for the winter months from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The Fuel Minister, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, told Parliament today that he is satisfied that the improvement in the coal situation now justifies the removal of the restriction during the summer months.—Reuter.

CHIFLEY MAY STAY AT HOME

Canberra, March 18.
Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said today he will attend the proposed Empire Conference only if the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, considers his personal attendance is vital. "I am not anxious to go overseas and I have informed the British Government of my feelings," he said. Observers here believe the main reason why Mr. Chifley does not want to leave Australia is that the elections for the Commonwealth Parliament will be held this year.—Reuter.

The American way of life will be in great jeopardy if the European recovery programme fails, the foreign recovery chief, Mr. Paul Hoffman, said today. Mr. Hoffman said the Kremlin has adopted an attitude of "stop, look and listen" until it sees whether European recovery is realised.

If recovery is accomplished by 1952, when the Marshall Plan is to end, it will make the Kremlin forgo its plans to Communise Western Europe, he added.

"Our way of life is involved because as long as the Kremlin continues its cold war to enslave Europe, huge military expenditures will be necessary and, of course, taxes must continue at a level as high as or higher than now prevailing." He said that, while European recovery still has a long way to go, its progress during the past few months has been more rapid than any dared to hope. "In no country of Europe has the standard of living yet reached pre-war level. The Europeans kept their belts tight, increasing production and building plants, homes and public facilities."

The Colonies

He emphasised that the pressing problem of the moment is for Europe to make a stab at standing on her own feet, otherwise the Marshall Plan will deteriorate into an ineffective relief programme. "I am glad to report that the Europeans are showing such eagerness to learn how America does things that we feel next year is going to bring about a great export of American know-how. Almost 200 groups of technicians from abroad requested our assistance in arranging visits to United States plants. There is still another area in which Europe must intensify her

activities, namely, the area of colonial development.

Joint Plan

"Over the long run, there is no reason why the people of the continent of Europe and the continent of Africa cannot achieve a reasonably high standard of living."

"Their economies are complementary and the people of both continents will be helped by full utilisation of their joint resources." "In line with the fourth point of the President's inaugural address, ECA is charged with the responsibility of helping in the field of colonial development among ECA countries."—United Press.

Shanghai To Get ECA Rice

Shanghai, March 19.
R. Allen Griffin, acting chief of the ECA China Mission, said today that ECA rice for Shanghai will be imported during April to sustain the current food rationing programme. Mr. Griffin said ECA has already committed sufficient funds to extend the food rationing programme until the middle of May, he cottoned programme until May 1 and petroleum requirements until June 1. "We are currently asking the Administrator's approval of the completion of further funds to complete our share of the ration programme until June 3 as well as provide additional cotton and petroleum supplies," Mr. Griffin said.

Roger D. Lapham, chief of the China Mission, is now in Washington where he recently recommended Congress to extend the China Aid Programme after April 3, the expiration date.—Associated Press.

LONDON TO SYDNEY IN 36 HOURS

London, March 19.
Mr. J. Cunningham, chief test pilot of a British aircraft firm, is now in Australia discussing the use of a new British jet airliner, the Comet. Mr. Cunningham said he expected this jet plane to be flying at the end of this year. The plane is designed to do the 12,000-mile trip from London to Sydney in 36 hours.

The BBC's aviation correspondent describes the new aircraft as the most advanced British jet airliner. He adds: "It is the only pure jet aircraft in the world. It will carry about 40 people and is expected to fly at 500 miles an hour."

Rabbi Wise's 75th Birthday

New York, March 19.
Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the American Jewish leader, celebrated his 75th birthday today. The American Jewish Congress on Wednesday announced the establishment of four annual Stephen S. Wise awards of \$1,500 each. The awards will be made annually on March 17 for outstanding contributions to the development of Israel, Israeli-American relations, defence rights, the status of Jews in other lands, the enrichment of Jewish cultural and religious life and the guarantee of full civil rights in the U.S. for all persons.—Associated Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band. H.K.T.
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10.35 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of Mass from St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road. Preacher: The Rev. Father J. Garland, S.J.
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11.50 a.m.—Philip Green and His Orchestra with Miss Josephine Young. (HUTS)
12.20 p.m.—Arthur Young and His Orchestra. (HUTS)
12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.
12.40 p.m.—Grand Opera Company—Vocal Gems.
1.00 p.m.—Navy Mixtures Melodica.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Interlude.
1.40 p.m.—Popular Concert.
2.40 p.m.—Close Down.
3.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)

News woman Ran Foul Of Police

Palermo, March 18.
A Swedish journalist, "Maria Cyclacus, arrested by the Italian police on March 13 when on her way to interview the Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano, drew crowds to the public seats when she faced trial here today.

She claimed to have interviewed him some months before. Charges of outrageous behaviour towards police officials and damaging official property were adjourned until March 23 to enable the defence to procure documents from Sweden.

A Palermo lawyer, Signor Giuseppe Savagnone, defended, assisted by Signor Romano Battaglia, who held a watching brief for the Swedish Legation in Rome.

Miss Cyclacus said in evidence that she had visited Monte Lepre in the course of her duties as a journalist and

wanted to the police station there to extend her residential permit. She said the police insulted, threatened and generally badly treated her when she attempted to leave. She accidentally broke a window and cut her hand on the glass. She had been registered as a journalist with the Press Office of the Italian Foreign Ministry and had been given to understand that her permit would be extended automatically, but documents attesting her were taken away.—Reuter.

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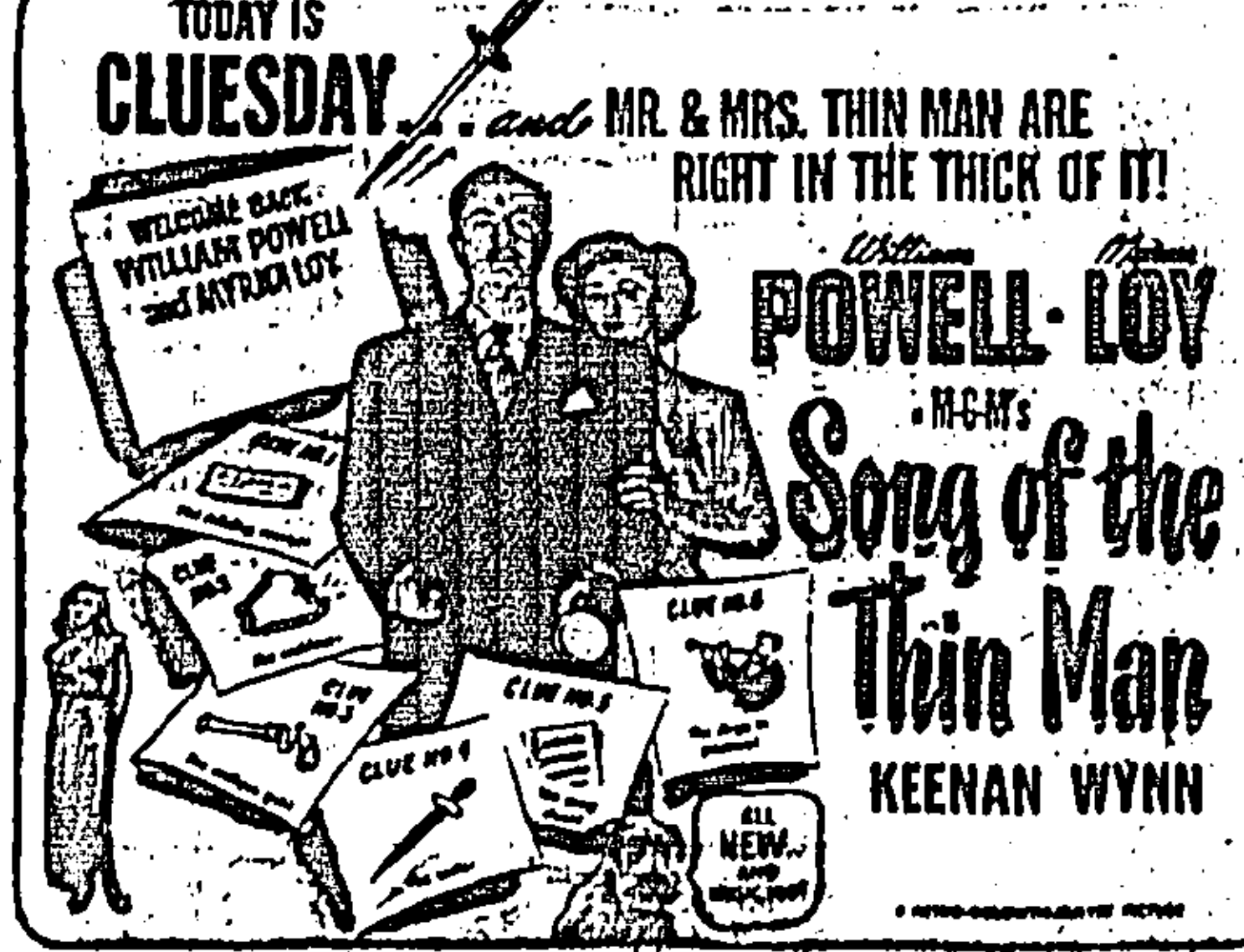
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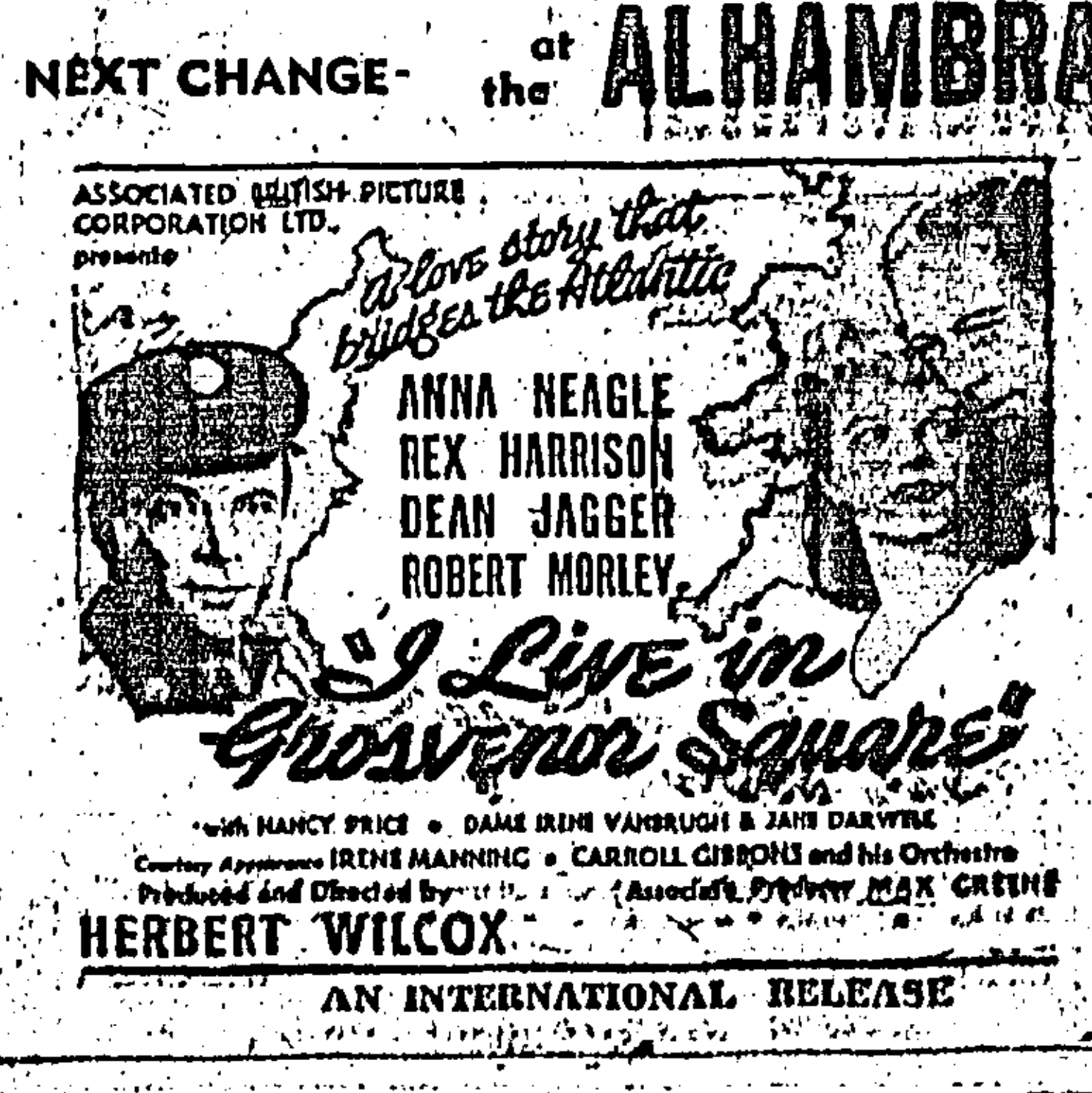
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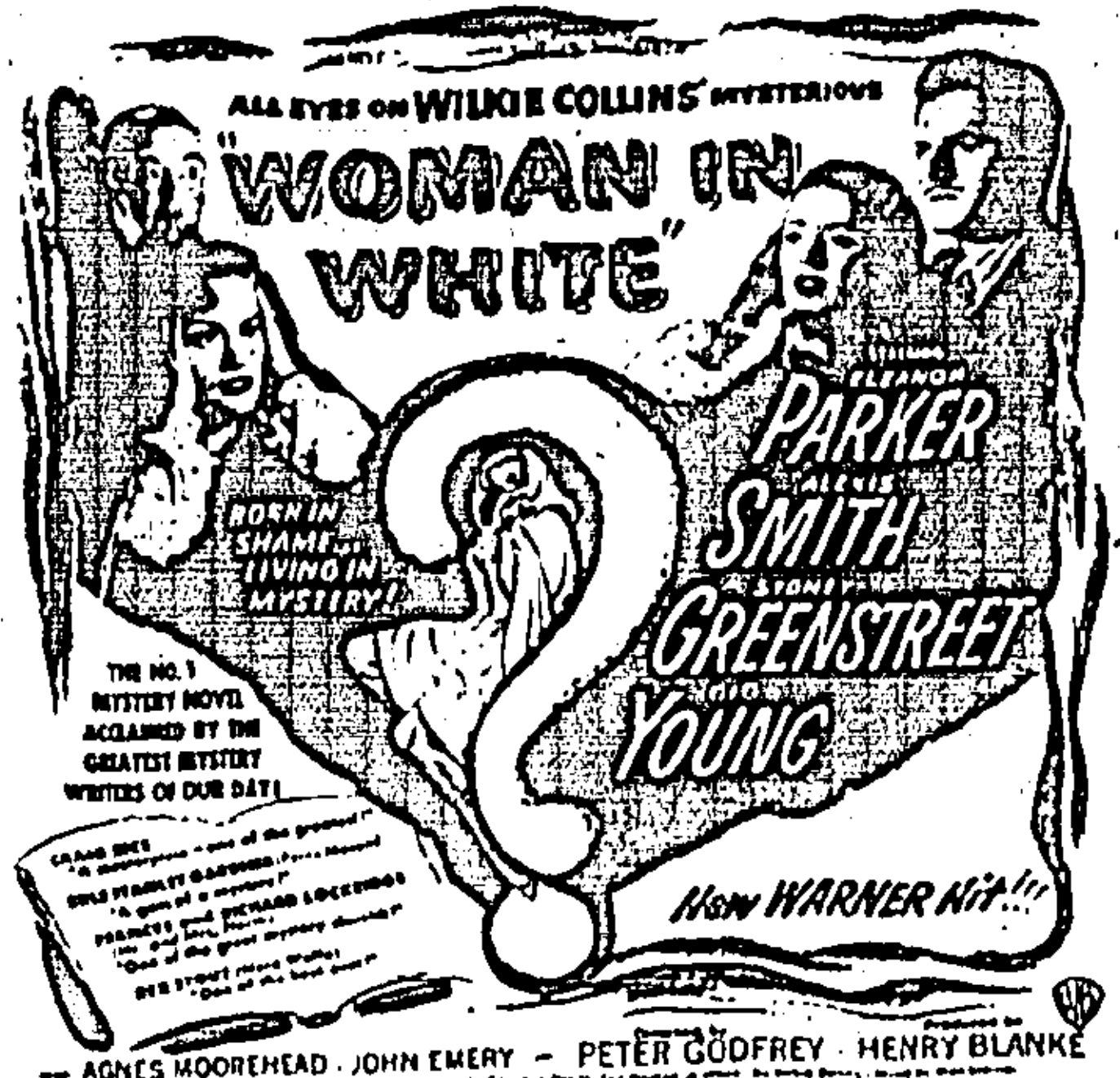
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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

From my sitting-room window I can see two people in their sitting-room, just across the block.

At first sight there would appear to be nothing unusual about them. Just a married couple in their late thirties. But they have one outstanding characteristic. They talk to one another, and have been doing so for the best part of a year!

They begin—always sitting in the same chairs—when he comes home from the office, about six. At 11 o'clock that night, they're still talking. No reading. No brooding. Just talk.

The husband seems to do most of it, and, judging by the animation of his gestures, it must be sparkling stuff.

What I want to know is—what does he talk about?

This flood of words cannot be classed as natural. It would be explicable if the man were still in the process of ensnaring his mate, and eager to leave no facet of his nature unexplored, but by all appearances he's got her, and could afford to pipe down.

So what can be the rag that they chew with such enthusiasm far into every night?

It might be love. He might be saying, hour after hour, "I love you." But I doubt it. Love talk between husband and wife, even if it arises at all, tends to come to an early conclusion.

"I love you."

"How nice. But tell me—how much?"

"An awful lot. Really terribly."

"As much, for instance, as that awful girl with glasses you were supposed to be engaged to, before you met me?"

"Much, much more. That was nothing."

"It didn't seem to be nothing at the time. You even bought her a ring."

"I tell you—that was nothing. It was quite different."

"How am I to know that this isn't different, too? It didn't take you long to throw her over. How am I to know the same thing isn't going to happen to me?"

"Look, all I said was, 'I love you.' I mean it. Shall we leave it at that?"

"There's no need to lose your temper."

"May I point out—calmly, respectfully, and reasonably—that all I said was—"

In another minute somebody's going to be lying face downwards on her bed, sobbing into a crumpled handkerchief.

It cannot be love. Only a madman would put his head into that sort of noose night after night.

Is he, perhaps, giving her an account of his day in the office? "You know that order we got



from Soames and Scroop for the six gross, funnel-type, two-way, plated water-softener? Well, after a good deal of trouble I got the whole thing tied up—25 per cent on delivery the balance to be paid in bi-monthly instalments of one-sixteenth of the purchase price, with the proviso that a rebate of 2½ per cent. be allowed on non-returnable, sub-standard quality softeners, allowing, of course, for damage sustained in rail transit."

It can't be this either, because the lady remains conscious all the way through, and even leans forward from time to time, apparently absorbed in the stuff that is coming across.

I don't know what it can be, I give up. But all I know is—I wish they'd stop.

They're a living reproach to everyone else. I mean, a fellow can scarcely open his evening paper without you-know-who going to the window, and staring dreamily out into the night. The other two are there, of course, in full view and hard at it.

I put down my paper. Perhaps I'm doing her an injustice. She may not be conscious of them at

all. She might even be occupied, in an abstracted way, with the recollection of happy days with bat and ball at Epsom. But I don't feel like taking a chance.

In a bright, lively voice, making it as long as possible, I begin to discuss the possibilities of getting some new linoleum for the bathroom floor.

It's Here!

A parcel from America! Oh, boy! Hot diggity! Isn't that just the darndest thing!

I open it with the greatest care. Don't want anything to fall out. Imagine if even one egg slipped and broke.

A pound of dried apricots. Not bad. A small tin of lemon juice. Lemon juice?

I dig into the parcel with fingers becoming a little feverish. A quarter of a pound of brown sugar. HALF A POUND OF TEA!

Where is the eating? The rich sausage. The embalmous tinned ham? The jar of pork? The Chicken Maryland, pickled in curlier and oysters?

No trace. But what is this? A long parcel. Something delicious.

I open it carefully. It turns out to be a thick roll of paper. "Cooking tissue." That's what it's called.

But there aren't any instructions with it. What's it for? Do you boil it, and serve with clopped pimientos and clam chowder?

But no. It seems to be just a long roll of paper towelling. It's a long roll of paper towelling stuff to hang on the back of the kitchen door, to wipe up spots of cream, fresh butter, or peach juice that might fall upon your pink nylon apron.

Well, I must say I'm jolly glad that arrived safely all the way from Chicago.

I don't suppose a wooden roller to grow into the back of the kitchen. To hold the roll of cooking tissue, is going to cost me more than 17s. 6d., with purchase tax.

First chance I get I must pour some of this lemon juice over the stove, to see if the cooking tissue really does its stuff as a mop-up.

Daphne Done Brown

Fairly biting tedium the other afternoon at a dress show. The place packed to bursting with needle-eyed ladies making frantic notes on their programmes. "Double ruching on panner sleeve maribou bodice with slope neck..." All that sort of thing, and a procession of mannequins shooting in and out with smiles that would paralyse a sergeant in the Foreign Legion.

But then I became conscious of an undercurrent. The lady in charge of the show, as each mannequin appeared, hissed "Where's Daphne?" The mannequins, keeping up the smiling and the swooping, hissed back "Hasn't come yet!"—and then with easy grace removed the outside pockets underneath.

Suddenly, Daphne burst upon us. I knew it must be Daphne because we'd seen all the others five or six times already.

Daphne was wearing a swimsuit. And the portions of Daphne uncovered by the swimsuit were painted a rich, mahogany tan.

I fell into a reverie. Had Daphne, arriving late, been quickly dosed over with a disinfectant brush? Or had she come like that, travelling by Underground, dyed—unknown to the other passengers—bright orange underneath?

I was so absorbed by these conjectures that I forgot to applaud a nice wool necktie with high draw-string waist, lined and edged with silk chiffon.

Pedlar Palmer Gave His Money Away

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

The fabulous Pedlar Palmer, the celebrated "Box of Tricks," one of the bare-knuckle fighters who won £100,000 in the days when boxers were paid in gold sovereigns, died last week in Brighton, where he went many years ago to spend his retirement. He was 72.

And he died, this wizard of speed and science, with his opinion of modern boxing unchanged.

If you asked him what he thought of British fighters today he replied, "There aren't any."

Winner of six world bantam-weight bouts, champion many times of Britain over 40 years ago, Palmer was before my time, but I saw him when he was nearly 60 box an exhibition with Jimmy Wilde, and the pace and skill at which he slipped punches were astonishing.

Heavy Gambler

Palmer came from Tipperary and he had more than his share of the fiery Irish spirit. This involved him in trouble with the police on many occasions on assault charges. He was once charged with attempting suicide and finally was indicted for murder.

It was alleged he killed a man in an Essex race train by striking him a number of heavy blows, but at his trial the charge was reduced to one of manslaughter. He was found guilty and was sentenced to five years.

In the ring Palmer was one of the greatest champions ever seen, and when he beat Billy Plimmer for the world championship, although his purse was only £1,500, his admirers gave him presents worth £14,000.

His fortune all went. He reckoned to have given £30,000 away to hard-up friends and charity. He also gambled heavily. The "Box of Tricks" had very little money left to see him through his last years at his little house in Brighton.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Kung Sheng Yat Po: The Budget explanations by the Financial Secretary has shown that expenditure for the coming financial year is to be increased. As a result, there is to be increased taxation.

The main reason given for increased expenditure is security. Because of security, several urgently-needed projects and improvements have been shelved by Government.

Since the Liberation more than three years ago, taxation has been on the increase. The new increases have fallen on the average man in the street. It would appear as if the cost of living here were very low and wages high, and therefore a few taxes here and there would not be felt!

On the contrary, the cost of living in Hong Kong is the highest in the world and the wages earned by the average citizen are pitiful. Company dividends are higher and higher, but wages are over the existence level. What can the average man's salary buy? This has been the position since the Liberation. Is it fair?

The main object of increased taxation is claimed to be security. We obviously do not oppose any thing done in the interests of security. But, is it not looking too far ahead by turning the Colony into a fortress now?

It is fundamentally necessary to use up such large sums of money and manpower at the present time? If the people's livelihood cannot be stabilised and made

secure, whatever security measures are adopted will have little effect.

Public Expenditure

Sing Tao Jih Pao: The money allocated for education and public health in the 1940-50 Budget is too little whereas the votes for the Prison, Department and Civil Servants' salaries are too large.

We trust that the Unofficials in the Legislative Council will study the expenditures solely in the interests of the general public and carefully consider each item before the budget is finally passed.

China Developments

Sing Tao Jih Pao: General Ho Ying-chin has said that the first problems his Cabinet will tackle are the stabilisation of China's economy, the livelihood of the people and peace negotiations with the Chinese Communist Party.

China's financial condition today is critical as a result of the successive years of war. Various economic measures that have been adopted have failed to result in any appreciable effect.

It is, therefore, safe to predict that if General Ho's Cabinet fails to tide over the current economic crisis, his Cabinet will be short-lived.

The livelihood of the people has a direct bearing on the economy of a nation. Most important today are the financial results of the peace talks.

The Chinese Communist Army

has reached the North bank of the Yangtze. A crossing is imminent. Should the peace talks fail, provinces South of the Yangtze will become the main theatre of the civil war.

To prevent hostilities from spreading South of the Yangtze, General Ho must satisfy the wishes of the people by securing a true and lasting peace for the nation.

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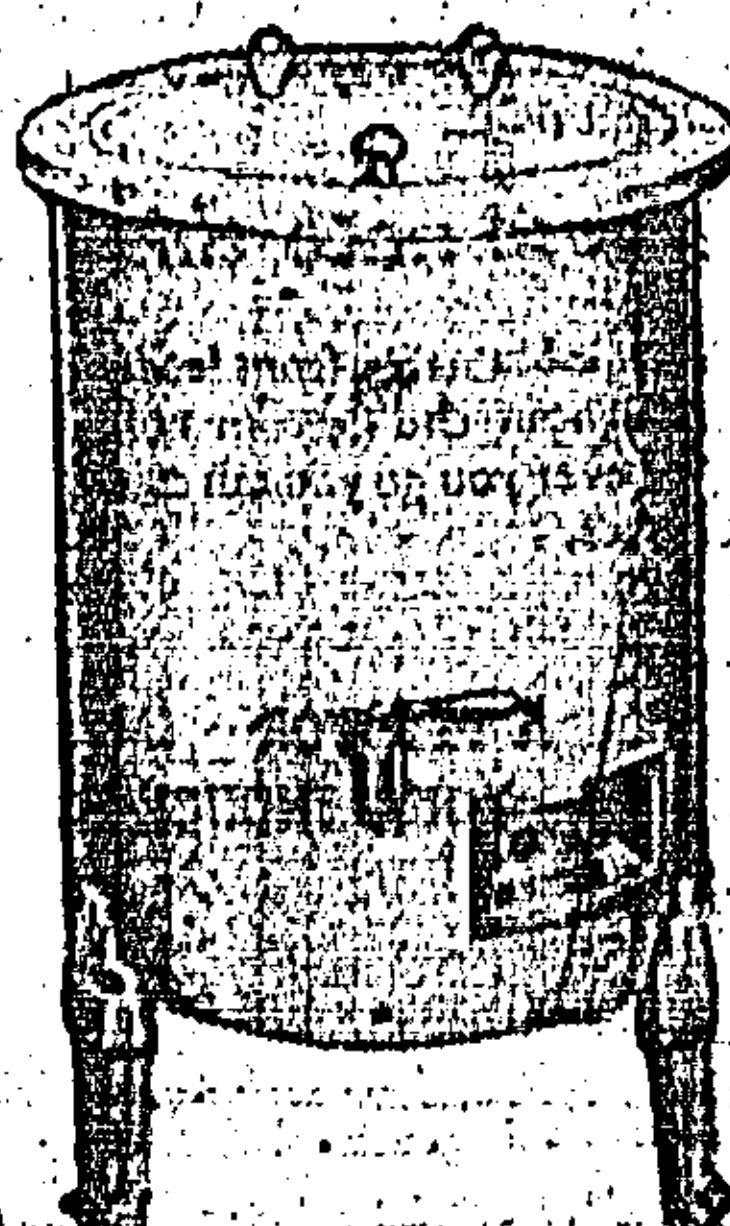
Wen Wei Pao: Trade development with the Liberated areas in North China is one of the major subjects in Hong Kong's business future for commerce between Hong Kong and China if such development proceeds.

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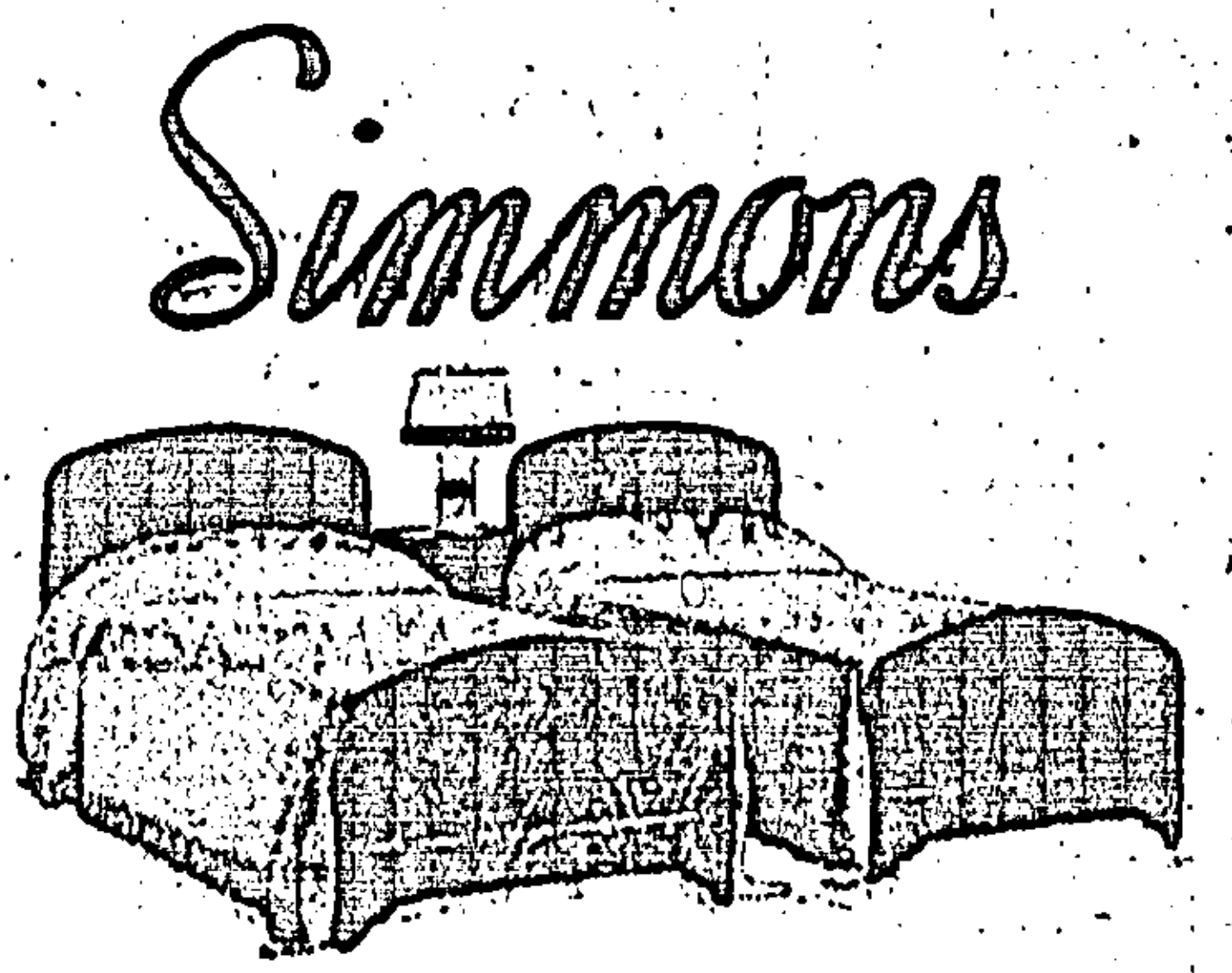
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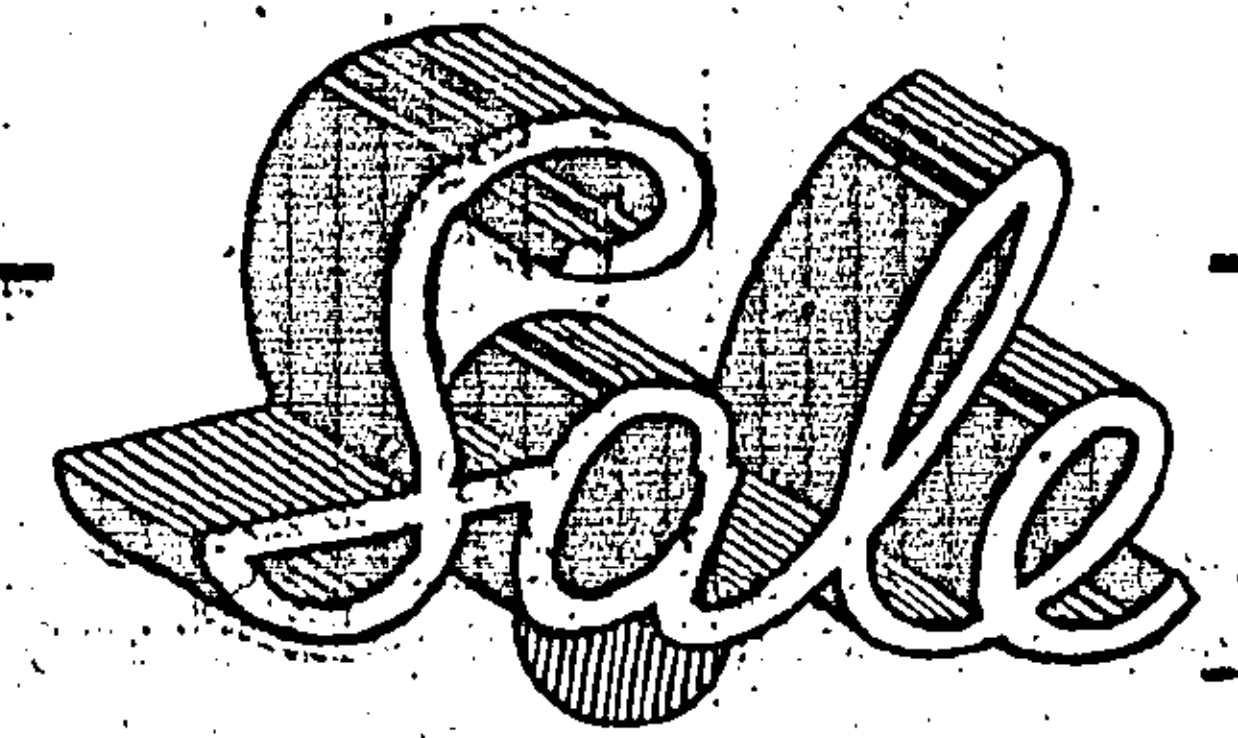
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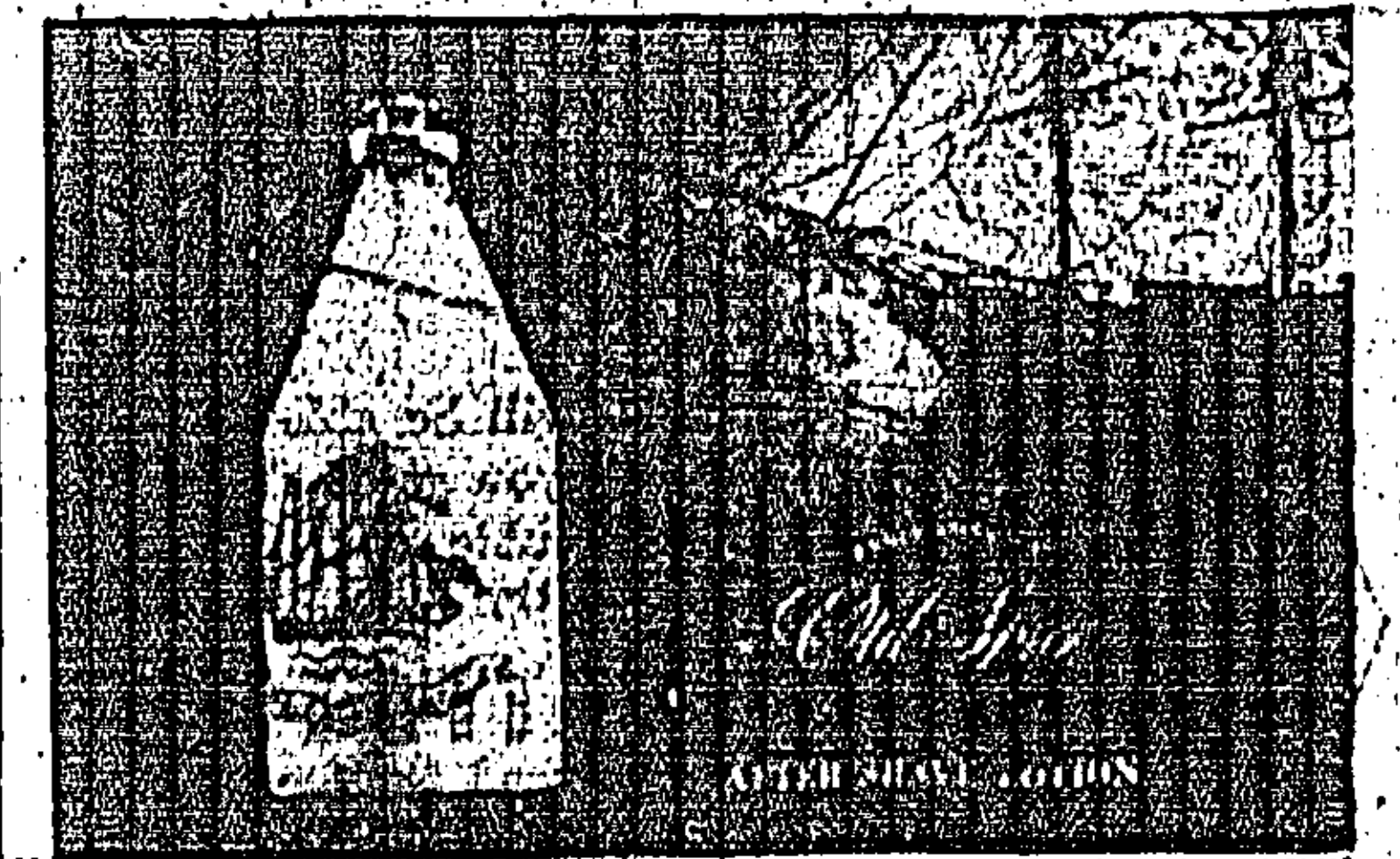
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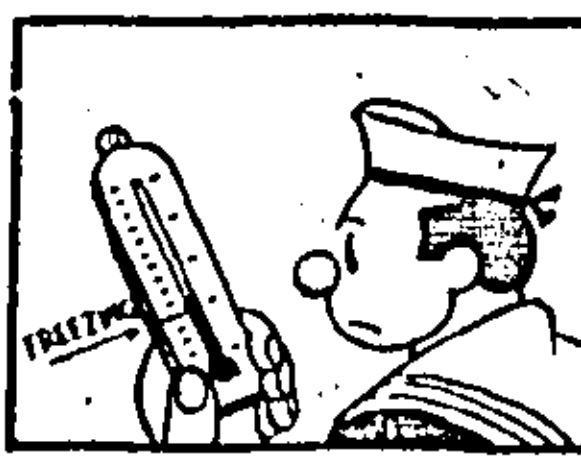
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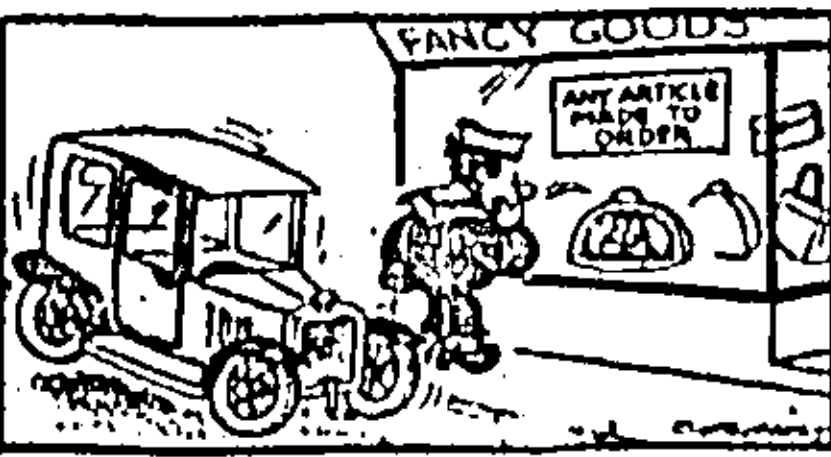
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ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT



Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

At the Royal Society, Burlington House, last week there was a meeting of the Design and Industries Association.

The speakers, both brilliant and witty, were Mrs. Allison Settle, fashion expert of the Observer, and Mr. James Laver, who continues to surprise us by being both Keeper of the Victoria and Albert Museum and a writer of books on the history of fashion. That we should be surprised by Mr. Laver using his erudition to comment on fashion reflects badly on us as a whole. It goes some way to bolster Allison Settle's contention that Englishmen tend to dismiss fashion as "women's flummery," and that this attitude is retarding the progress not only of British fashion but of a large branch of British industry, namely, the textiles and whole-sale clothing manufacturers of all types, from shoes to imitation flowers.

A member of the audience must have brooded over this point, for at the end she stood up and asked Mr. Laver: "Who do women really aim to please by their clothes—theirself or men?" (As the lady herself was very well dressed I'd love to have heard her own reply.)

Al! I thought happily. Let's go out and ask that question around the town and see what turns up.

My first port of call was obvious: I wanted the opinion of the woman in charge of the only existing Faculty of Fashion. Mrs. Madge Garland is the head of a three-year student

course of fashion instituted by the Royal College of Art, Kensington. This course puts fashion on a level with ceramics and Mrs. Garland is called "Professor."

Madge Garland opines that not nearly enough women dress to please men. Subconsciously they would like to do so, but they are mostly terrified of being obvious. "Yet look what happens when they do have the courage. Flies round the honey-pot!" said the Dean of Fashion cryptically.

Over luncheon I asked the charming Marchioness of Carisbrook if she would answer my query. "Well, my dear," she said, "I think most women dress in whatever inspires them with the most confidence in themselves. She added as an afterthought: 'My husband likes to come along when I choose my hats. It takes such an interest the shop people are always surprised he is my husband!'"

Mary Ellis, brilliant star of Terence Rattigan's "Playbill," and

our well-beloved Marie Lohr came trailing off-stage in an aura of applause.

It took them two seconds to take in the question, then they spoke as one: "To please other women, of course!" they said firmly.

But Mary Ellis came back with a second thought. "No," she said. "When they are in the acute stage of being in love they dress to please the one man. But when they are just living along, then it's to please—or displease—other women!"

Suddenly I wondered what the President of the Board of Trade would have to say. Mr. Harold Wilson just laughed, and passed the buck to his wife.

Mrs. Wilson thought that it depended on circumstances and the individual; but that if a group of women were mentioned on a desert island they would soon deteriorate—fashionably speaking!

HONOUR OF KNIGHTHOOD

Jonathan Blow describes a ceremony that has altered little since the days of William the Conqueror

Come to Buckingham Palace to see the King create 60 knights: his first ceremony of State since his illness was announced.

We show our invitations from the Lord Chamberlain to a policeman at a gate in the Palace gardens, who directs us across the forecourt to an archway near the balcony on which the Royal family have appeared on so many historic occasions. Guard mounting is in progress.

Two long lines of Welsh Guardsmen with bayonets fixed are slowly marching down the forecourt to "Men of Harlech"—dwarfing the detachment of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry whom they have come to relieve.

We go through the archway and expect awe-inspiring courtyard leading to the colonnades of the Grand Entrance. Here we hand over our invitations to a Royal footman in blue battle-dress—scarlet livery is kept for special occasions.

A gentleman usher leads us up one side of a double staircase, down a long passage and places us to two gilt chairs in the Ball Room—the largest State room in the Palace, twice the length of a cricket pitch and 45 feet high. Round the dais stand Yeomen of the Guard, resting on their pikes. Behind us, high up in the Minstrels' gallery, the string band of the Scots Guards are playing—rather incongruously—"The Surrey with the Fringe on the Top."

But this is the tradition of music at investitures—George V always ordered the band to play "Rosemary."

Suddenly "The Surrey" ends abruptly with a roll of drums, followed by the National Anthem. The King—in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet—walks to the chair on the dais,

followed by officers of the Royal Household.

Sword Glinting

"Be seated, ladies and gentlemen," the King commands. A page places a crimson stool at the foot of the dais and an equestrian statue of the King in a drawn sword—its blade glinting beneath the chandeliers.

To receive the honour of knighthood," calls out the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Clarendon, a tall man with well-preserved grey hair and a slight stoop, standing at the King's right hand, "Lieutenant-General Gerald Templer."

A lightly-built man with a thin, intelligent face—whom many already forecast as Field-Marshal Slim's successor as C.I.G.S.—enters from the left. He walks to the dais, bows and sinks on his right knee.

A Light Touch

The King touches him lightly on each shoulder with the drawn sword—a ceremony that has varied little since William the Conqueror "dubbed his son Henri a Knight."

A knight-lady lays a leather case containing the badges of a knight of "The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire"—on a crimson cushion. He passes it to Sir Piers Legh, the Master of the House hold—standing on the left of the throne—who holds it before the King.

'Rise, Sir Gerald'

Normally the King hangs the badge round the neck of a new knight. To-day—on his doctors' orders—he simply hands General Templer the case.

"Rise, Sir Gerald." Once knighthood was granted only for service in the field. To-day the King is honouring men for services to farming, football, forestry, disabled people, medicine, mining, science and the stage.

THE GUILTLESS GERMANS

By Brian Connell

"After all," Herr Generaldirektor Mueser was saying, with an air of great authority and earnestness, "even Herr Churchill once said to Hitler: 'If ever my country is in need I hope she finds a man like you.'"

"Without being tolerated by the Western Allies Hitler could never have come to power. We Germans were only the Nazis' victims."

It took me quite a long time to convince Herr Mueser that not only had Mr. Winston Churchill never made such a remark but he had never seen Hitler in his life.

Now Herr Mueser is by all normal standards a highly intelligent and gifted man. A brilliant lawyer, he is general manager of the Bochumer Verein, the huge German steelworks with which the British authorities have been in sharp conflict over the dismantling problem.

His remark is the sort of thing that is said over and over again by Germans as they slowly build up the latter-day counterpart of the post-1914-18 legend that the Germans are a peace-loving, misjudged, harmless people, imposed upon by a series of vicious rulers.

Fertile Soil

The Germans are guiltless in a wicked world. Did they not suffer in a war like the British and French?

And on the fertile soil of this mass amnesia heady hothouse growths are ripening.

Nipping their growth come the sharp frosts caused by the delayed implementation in practice of the decisions taken last summer at the London conference of the Western Allies.

The terms of the Ruhr Statute, placing Germany's huge industrial complex under control and tutelage for many years to come, brought the Germans up short and caused a howl of protest.

Vainly they seek to turn to their own advantage the purely technical recommendations of the Marshall Plan's Humphreys Committee to reduce the number of plants to be dismantled.

Economic Power

Their power at the moment is little more than economic. But they do know that Europe cannot do without the Ruhr and that no one can do anything about the Ruhr being in Germany. The coal is there under the earth, the railways and canals cannot be razed, and the rivers cannot be diverted.

Directives have gone out to play on the new wave of nationalism: "Germany, first and Communistism second." "The Ruhr Statute is an insult to German sovereignty." "German unity is the primary consideration."

There are good indications that the nadir of the party's influence is past. The Communists badly miscalculated the popular reaction to the policy of free economy so strongly upheld by the German Economic Council in Frankfurt, with its "backing."

Far off to the Right the Nazi-minded industrialists, whom our failure to effect any significant change in the German social structure has left expectantly on the sidelines, await the moment to throw their weight in.

Brilliant Men

Many of them are brilliant technicians. For pure administrative ability the Nazis had few peers. Perhaps the best men will be needed after all, irrespective of their political past.

It was our friend Herr Generaldirektor Mueser who said to me: "The only absolutely certain market for our manufactured goods is to the East."

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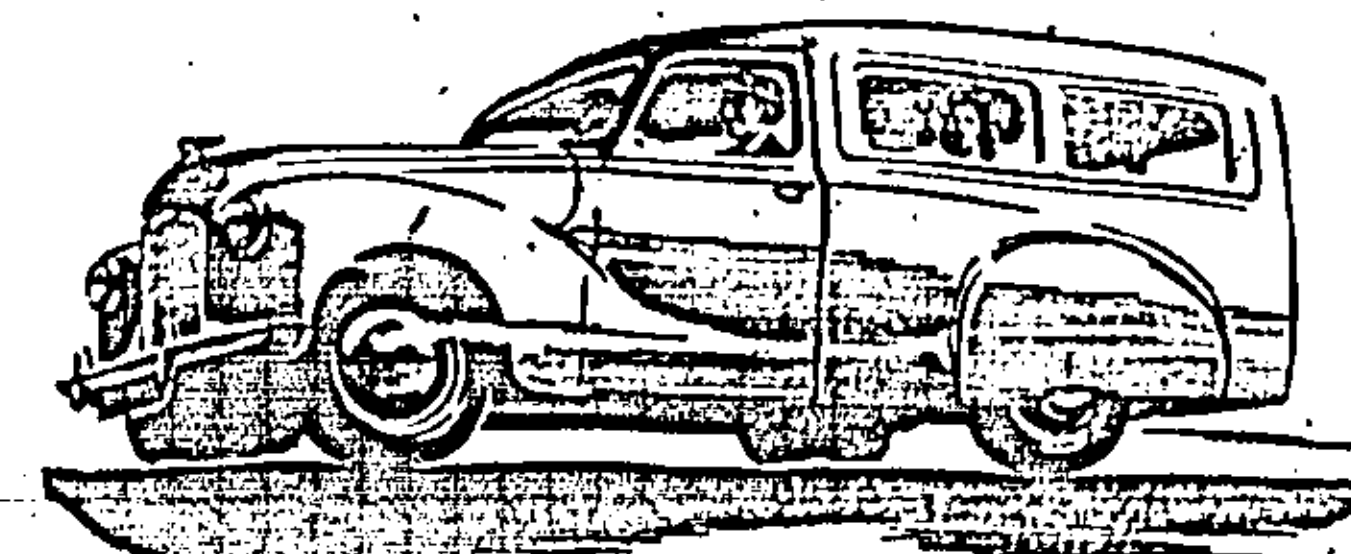
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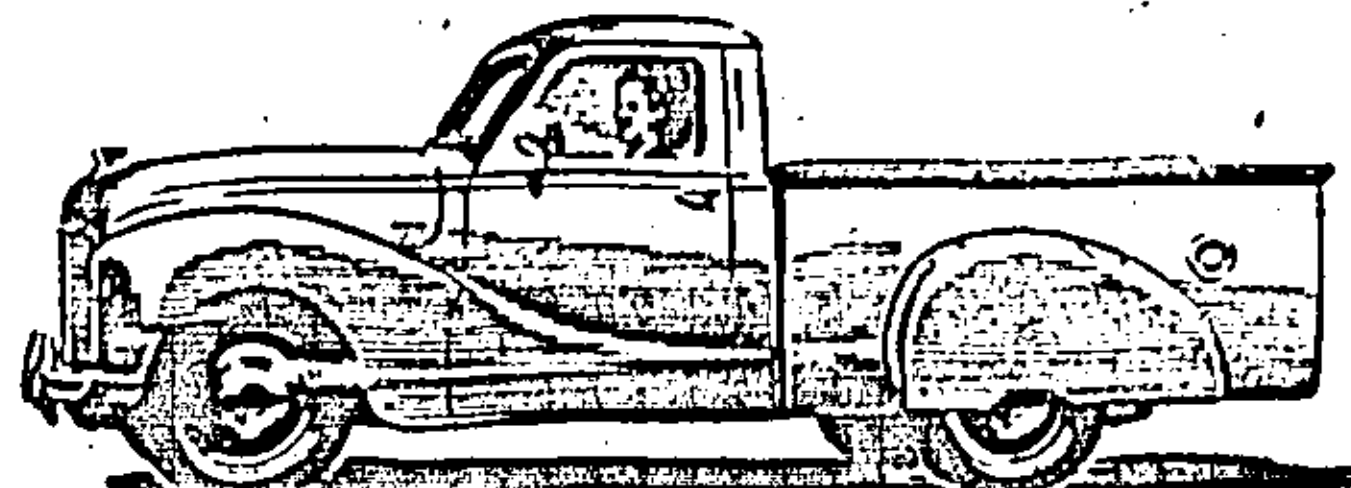
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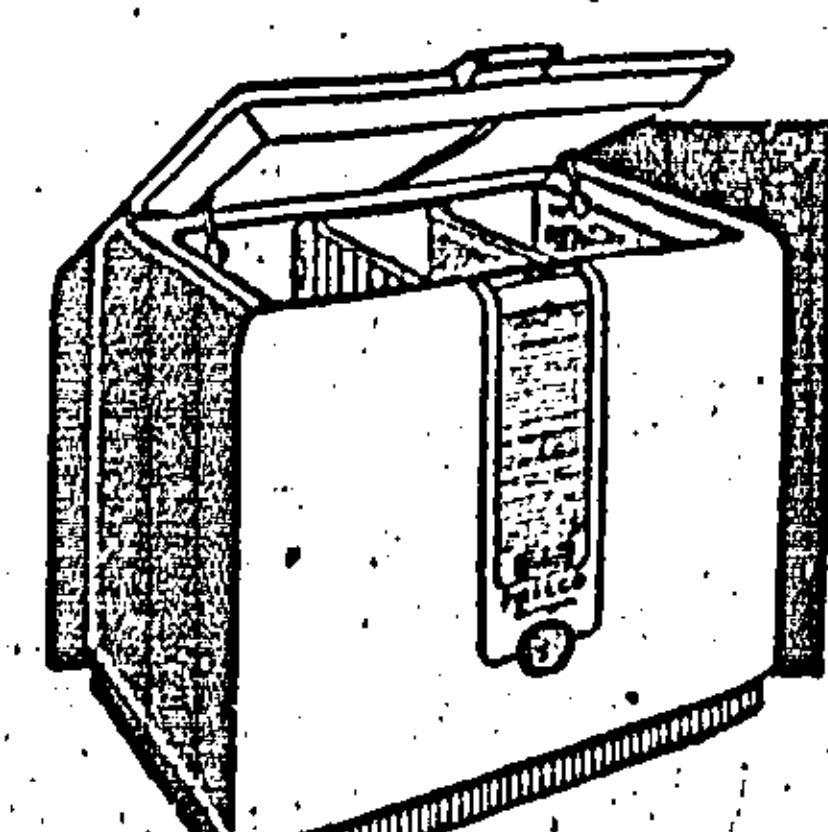
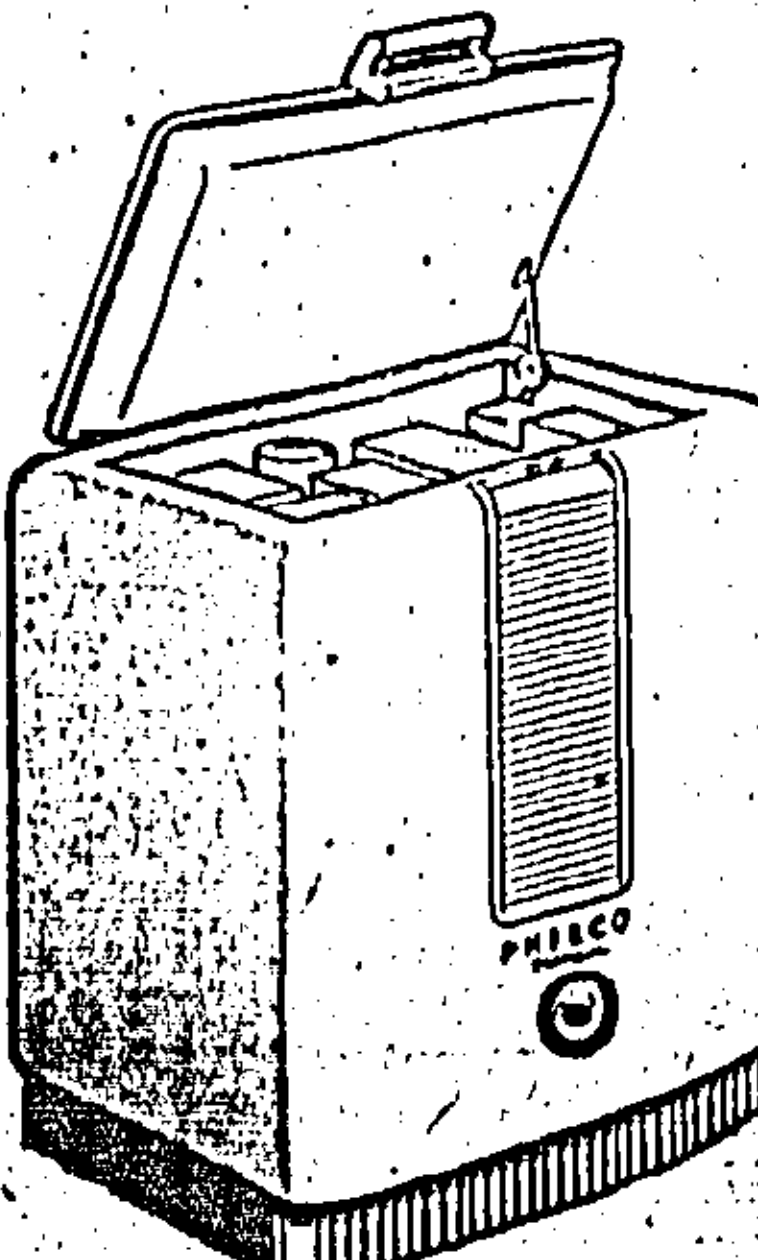
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A shivering black and brown mongrel puppy crouched behind bushes one night two years ago at Kingsdown, near the London-Maidstone road.

Between his forepaws was a little satchel of documents. The puppy man who came flashing his lamp into the undergrowth wanted those documents.

He wanted them so badly he had just killed a woman for them. The puppy's scared, amber eyes glowed for an instant, reflecting the torchlight. The man grunted in triumph, grabbed the puppy, and the man lumbered in pursuit, caught the animal, and a few seconds later it lay dead.

The man wiped his torch up and down, but could not find the satchel.

He went back to the body of the woman he had strangled. There was a bundle of tattered papers in her yellow crocheted handbag. He thrust it into his raincoat pocket.

Next morning a lorry driver, winding in a low gear down Wrotham Hill, saw a woman's leg sticking out from behind a bush on Labour-in-Vain Hill.

All this happened on the night and morning of October 31, 1946.

No Motive

There was no motive that the police could at first find, and no clue.

Yet it was from this actual absence of clues, the void of something that should have been there but disturbingly was not, that Scotland Yard weaved a noose.

To take you really behind the scenes, and show you how Scotland Yard did this, just for a moment try to imagine you were the man who murdered this woman. Study then with what patience the net is spread for you, and how intricate are its meshes.

You must imagine you are known to the underworld of London as "The Basher." You have thick wrists and scarred knuckles. You have 16 convictions, some for thieving, but mostly for brutal assault.

Your job is to drive a four-ton lorry between Cambridge and London for a perfectly reputable firm. But besides that you keep a dishonest ear cocked for any talk of lorry loads that your underworld friends might profitably "knock off."

The black-market boss, who has brains and knows all the "right" people, is troubled about a woman called Dagmar "Peters," who lives at Kingsdown in a sort of hermit's hut that cost only £8 to build. It is 8ft. by 6ft., and 7ft. high. Just about the size of a tall tool-shed.

But it doesn't matter to you, Basher, what sort of a house she lives in. The Boss wants you to go and take a certain diary off

her, give her a bit of a beating up, and tell her to mind her own business in future.

For this lonely old woman, a 48-year-old pensioned telephone operator, has been keeping a romantic diary of talk and movements among the lorry drivers who eat at the roadside cafes where she often goes for meals.

Some of the stuff in that lonely woman's scribbling book is dynamite to the Boss.

You Think You're Smart, Eh?

So you meet the hermit woman on the road from the transport cafe and give her a lift home. Her dog runs out to greet her. You kick it. Then you demand the diary.

She runs to the hut. You grasp her, she struggles—and you have choked her with a jerk of her scarf. The dog, frightened, darts off into the night with some sort of satchel in its mouth. You chase it, kill it, but cannot find what it was carrying. Anyway, it probably doesn't matter. There are some papers in the woman's handbag.

Well, there you are, Basher. You're supposed to be smart. What now? First, you remove the body to a remote place. The dog? Leave it—it doesn't matter.

"She used to keep her money in it, though she never had much," said the local shopkeepers. Fabian set out to find that yellow handbag.

The Satchel Found

It was not in the hut where Dagmar Peters lived. It was not in any of the fields or hedges near the hut. But the dead dog was found—and the satchel.

Now it made no real difference whether the police found that satchel or not. What was important was that the dead dog and the dead woman were three miles apart.

That meant you, the murderer, had either a car, or a lorry. Statements were taken then from 1,500 drivers who passed near the spot on the murder night. Yours was among them. You admitted nothing. All you did was deliver your load of bricks to the factory at East Malling, you said.

Meanwhile, the sister of Dagmar Peters was sitting up all night on a task of vengeance. She was knitting, at the request of Chief Inspector Fabian, an exact duplicate of the missing yellow handbag.

It was ready at breakfast time the morning after Scotland Yard took on the murder hunt. Fabian and his photograph and description sent to every police station in Britain.

The Yellow Handbag... Finally a farmer's boy, aged 16, saw it among the weeds of a mill pond

a stone in the handbag and drop it in the millstream. Now, try to think: Did you leave anything behind? Did you body see you? There is no link between you and this woman. No apparent motive. Fingerprints—oh, yes, you wiped your lorry door, its handle, the window, the dashboard top—wherever her fingers might have touched. Now, there are no fingerprints to link her with your lorry—or you.

You Think You'll Beat The Rap

You might get away with this perfect murder... you hope. But you won't Basher. You will hang. The men of the Murder Squad, the Hendon Police Laboratories, the Fingerprint Department of Scotland Yard, and particularly Chief Inspector Bob Fabian, of the Murder Squad, will see to that.

Fabian's first job is to identify the body of the woman you murdered.

He gives a description to the reporters, and next day it is recognised by her brother and sister, who live in Surrey.

Dr. Keith Simpson, Home Office pathologist, examines the body, and tells us Dagmar Peters was not killed in the place where she was found.

You forgot, Basher, that while you were moving her three miles in your lorry the blood was ebbing back from her skin surface because she was dead. When you dumped her down again, three miles further on, she lay in a different posture... the bloodless skin cells marked the difference, to a trained pathologist's eye.

Meanwhile, Chief Inspector Fabian, seeking motive, had been asking the dead woman's brother, sister and any Kingsdown neighbours who had acquaintance with her: Had she any valuables? How much money? Had she? Where did she keep her money? In a yellow knitted handbag? How do you know?

"Well, I knitted it for her," said the sister. "It was my gift to her."

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behind his dad's cottage. He ran with it to the village constable. Dagmar's sister identified it, and the same afternoon Fabian was at the millpond with a bundle of survey maps.

Helped by experts in river currents, inland tides and local topography, Fabian traced the flow of water into that millpond. It was four days since the murder. From how far away might that handbag have floated in four days? He drew marks on his survey maps.

But You Forgot The Little Dots

Then, Basher, tracing you became just like solving one of those children's puzzles where you move your pencil point from one dot to the next until you find you have drawn a rabbit, or whatever it is.

The first dot was Dagmar Peters' hut, where the dog was found. Next dot was the spot three miles away where Dagmar Peters was found. Third point was the more or less exact spot along that mill-stream where the handbag was thrown in... a factory in East Malling.

Fabian shuffled once more through those 1,500 drivers' statements and came across that of one Sidney Sinclair, aged 45, of Abingdon, Cambridge, driver of a four-ton Abdon lorry for a Cambridge firm.

Sinclair admitted he had passed through Kingsdown, via Wrotham Hill, to the factory at East Malling, in Kent, where he delivered his load of bricks.

It was still dark next morning—a murky November day—when I climbed into the Fingerprint Car, yawning slightly for need of sleep, at New Scotland Yard. Foghorns of Thames river boats moaned. Detective Inspector Percy Law, of the Photographic Department, was with me.

We had powerful photographic and inspection lamps with us, enough to floodlight a football field, and our first halt was at Hendon Police Laboratories to pick up Mr. W. E. Montgomery, B.Sc.

We were on our way to take a good look at that lorry you were driving on the murder night, Basher—and see if so much as a fingerprint or thread of wool from the clothing of Dagmar Peters had been left on it.

—And So, You Were Hanged

You had been so careful about wiping away traces of Dagmar Peters. Basher. Under my microscope and powders I found traces of where your duster had dabbed patchily.

There was another little thing...

"Have you a dog in this garage?" asked one of the mechanics. He shook his head. Yet there was the muddy mark of a dog's paw just inside the cab-door... You had forgotten it, Basher?

Then there were your own fingerprints, where you left them as you drove the lorry into the garage.

While Mr. Montgomery was searching the upholstery for cloth fibres to match the clothing of Dagmar Peters, Percy Law took flashlight pictures of these fingerprints for me.

Back within the half-hour came the official identification: "Sinclair, Sidney, aged 45; alias 'The Basher'; 16 convictions for larceny and assault, etc."

Well, that was how it was done. And it is time to stop imagining that you are Sydney (The Basher) Sinclair, for he was hanged at Wandsworth.

MARATHON MARRIAGES IN MOROCCO

By G.D.K. McCORMICK

"I've got a new sort of assignment for you," said my wife one day. "You are to come with me to a Moorish midnight marriage feast."

Our Moorish servant had announced that her favourite daughter was getting married, and wanted us to attend one of the seven successive nightly feasts which mark the not-so-simple ceremony of marriage in Morocco.

"And, by the way," added my wife, "Aicha (that's our servant's name, the same as that of Mahomed's favourite wife) has asked for her next month's wages in advance so that she can cope with all the expenses of the wedding."

The wedding presents were quite a problem. The Moors have a passion for all things British, so in the end we produced a cake for the bride and a pipe for the groom.

Marriage among the Moors is something which affects the social and economic life of the whole population, and is one of the reasons why they are nearly always "broke."

Every Few Months

Imagine a middle-class family in Britain who had to cope with marriage ceremonies lasting a whole week, occurring with the regularity of clockwork every few months.

These ceremonies entail vast sacrifices among the poorer class of native. Not only are their savings, if any, used up by a week's festivities, but usually gold bangles, trinkets and family heirlooms are sold to finance the week's feasting.

We arrived at the bride's home at 11 p.m., for the feast does not commence until midnight. We were welcomed by Hamo, the bride, who received us in a long flowing blue dress, patterned with sequins and held in place by a magnificent jewelled belt.

In the patio of the house my wife and I parted company; by tradition the women feast in one room and the men in another.

We ate (the roasted sheep, garnished with olives and carrots, with our fingers, dipping into the communal platter. This was followed by a pyramid of cous-cous (piping hot semolina mixed with all manner of cooked vegetables and spices, red peppers and raisins).

Beating of Tambourines

From the room in which my wife was feasting came sounds of Moorish dancing, Arab love songs and the rhythmic beating of tambourines.

The men were silent after the meal, but seemed quite content. A long, gaily painted pipe was filled and handed round for each guest in turn to take a ritualistic puff.

It had the pungent, aromatic smoke of hashish, which is smoked in the home on special occasions in mild doses.

This was no drug addicts' orgy, and had little more than a ritualistic significance.

My wife and I left the party at 4 a.m., but it lasted for another two hours. Yet, at eight o'clock our servant turned up at home as fresh and cheerful as ever.

A bounding kangaroo, with baby in pouch leaping up and down as its mother leaps, brings a happy smile to the face of Barbara Riley of Blackpool. She was lucky to have a preview, at the Toy Fair Association premises in the seaside resort, of some of the wonderful toys to be displayed for buyers from 44 foreign countries at Britain's largest toy fair ever, in Birmingham.

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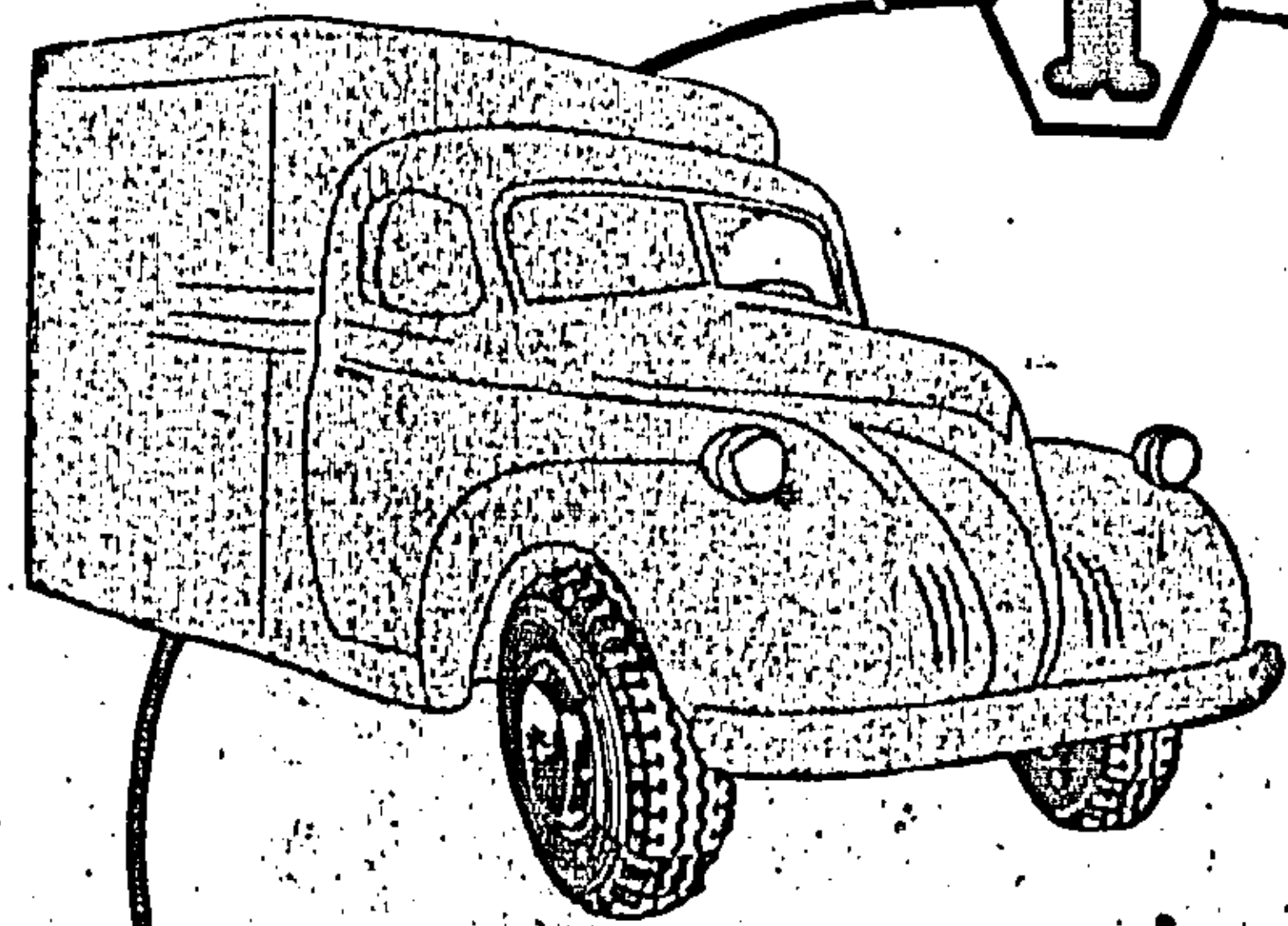
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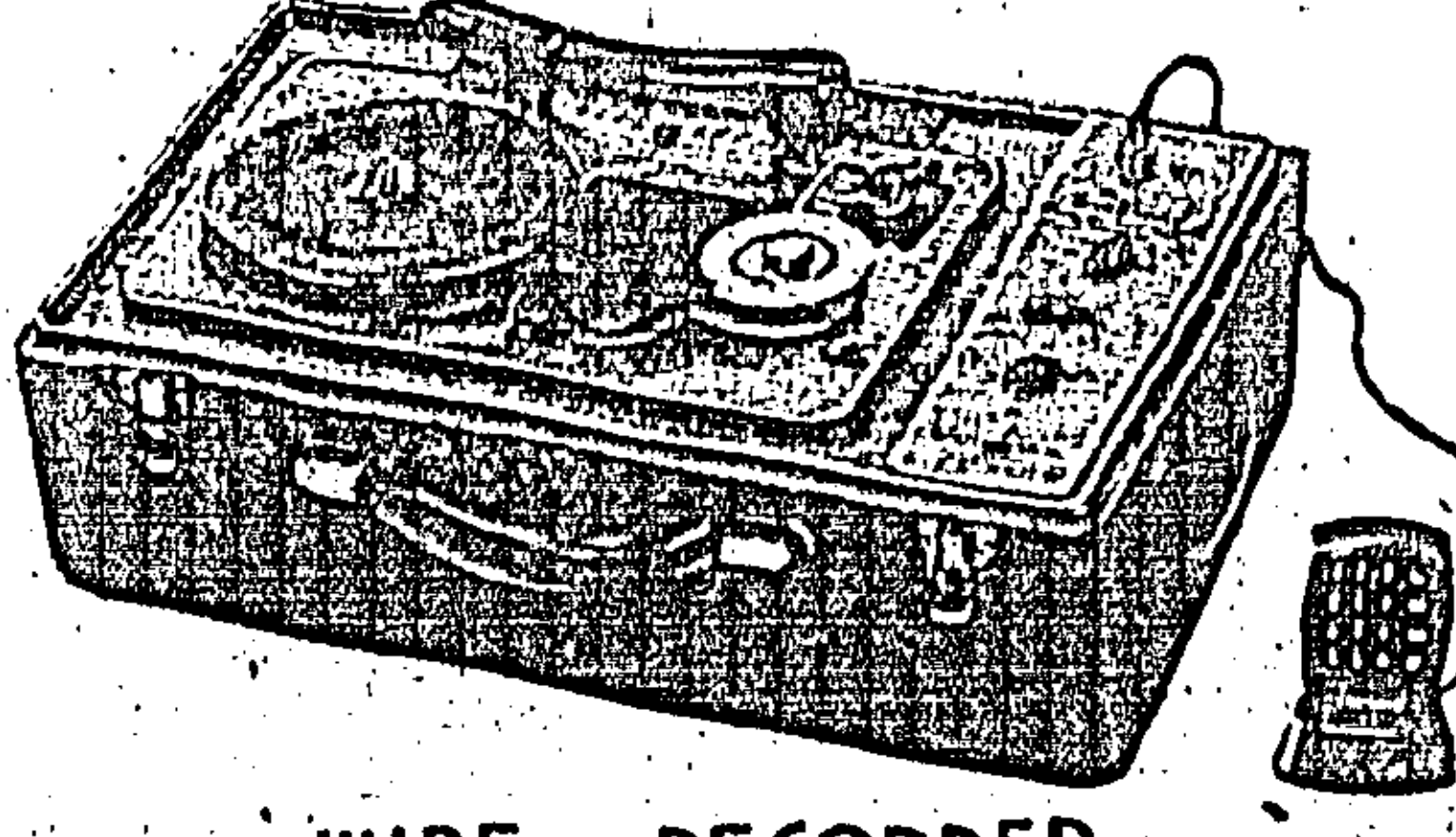
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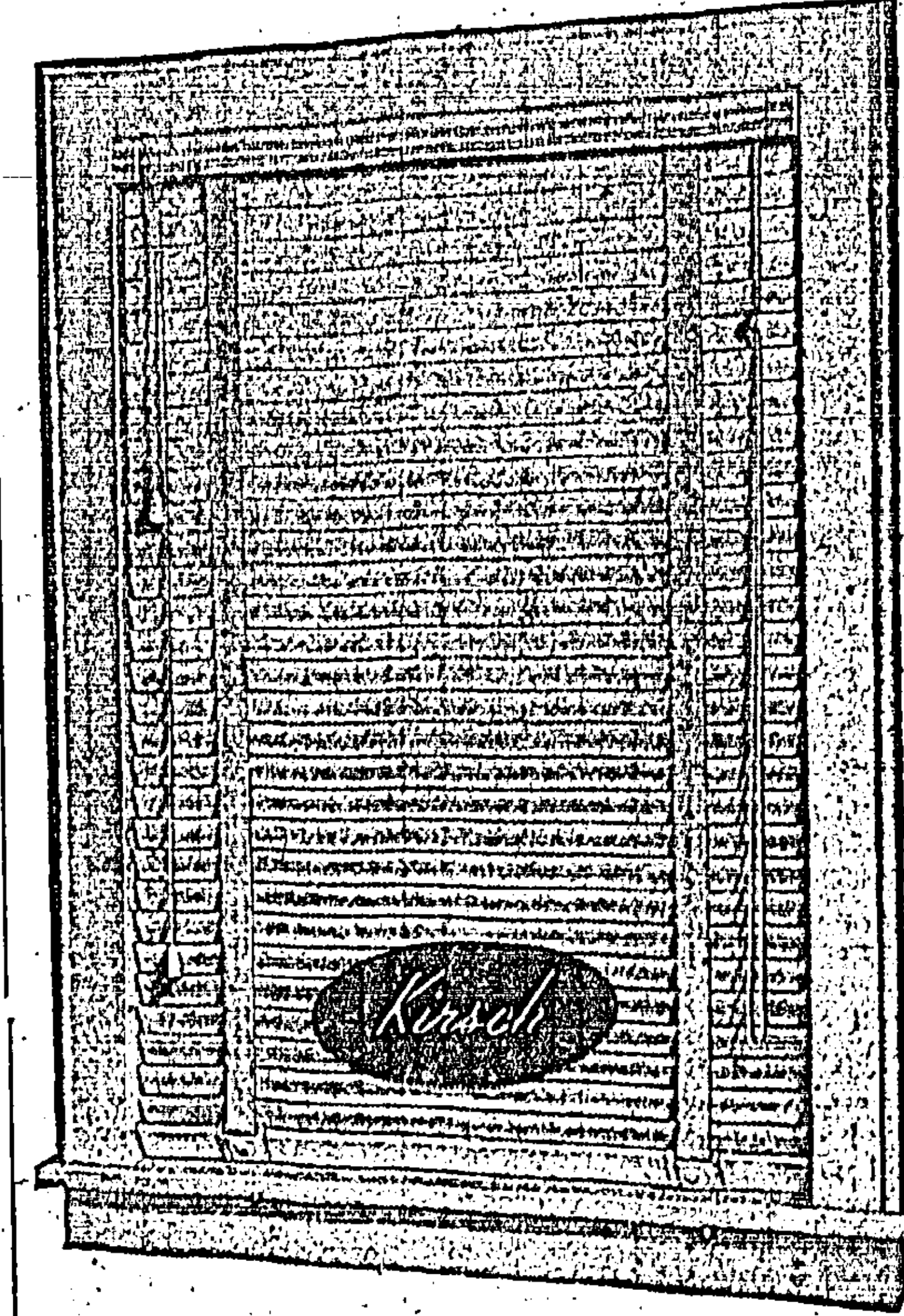
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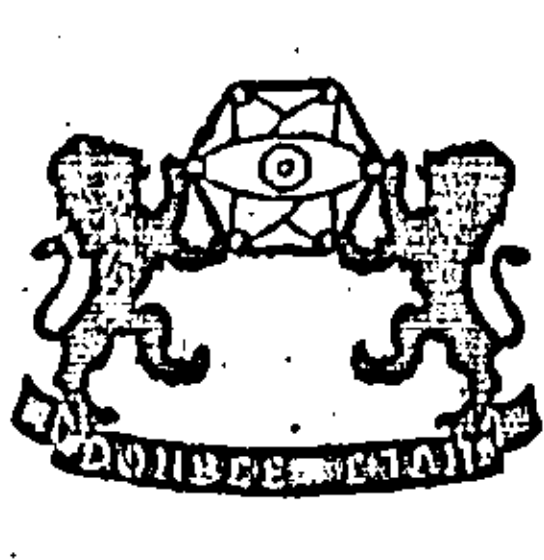
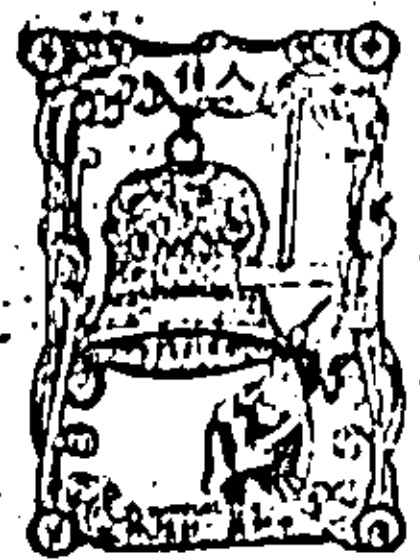
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SPAIN IS LIVING ON THREE HOPES

Report No. 2
By ALEXANDER CLIFFORD

A model of the first locomotive ever used in Spain is about to make a tour of the Spanish railways. And it will be surprising if anyone notices the difference—at any rate, as far as performance is concerned.

To read a serious report on the Spanish railways today is like reading a description of one of those railways which Emmett draws in Punch. Disasters, delays, deficiencies, and chronic overcrowding contribute to a rapid downward spiral of deterioration.

It is distressing for the Spaniards. But—along with several other things—it is very distressing too for the Americans, who have their eye on Spain as their possible main European base in the event of war with Russia.

The argument is that if the Red Army suddenly sweeps forward from Eastern Germany the puny Occupation Forces of the West cannot hope to hold them. Before Britain and America can start landing serious armies in France the Russians will be there. The best hope is to hold at the Pyrenees—400 miles of wild, grand, austere mountains which are as good a natural barrier as Europe offers.

Money and Men

The decision lies with the Americans, who have most of the money and the arms and the men, and who alone are capable of developing Spain swiftly and efficiently. And most people in Spain who have thought about it at all hope the Americans will take the decision. First, there is the argument that large-scale military aid can hardly help being accompanied by economic aid—which Spain desperately needs.

Second, Franco and his supporters—who are numerous and influential—have never wavered in their detestation of Communism and their readiness to fight it.

Third, many Spaniards believe that the coming of the Americans would mean the dawn of a more democratic regime.

Pyrenees Line

As bait for the Americans Spain has these things to offer: 1. The magnificent barrier of the Pyrenees, stretching from sea to sea, with only four main

roads through them, a dozen minor roads, and perhaps 40 gaps where a man on foot may cross. 2. A trained army some 380,000 strong, equipped with excellent barracks and uniforms, and consisting of men who are probably capable of greater endurance than any European soldier except the Russians.

3. A Government pledged to combat Communism.

4. An excellent strategic position, commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean and with ports on two seas.

But here are the snags. Spain has:

1. Possibly the most rickety railway system in Europe.

2. Generally deficient communications.

3. An almost complete absence of anything but small arms for its armed forces (they say that while America is still striving to produce the planeless plane Spain has already perfected the planeless pilot).

4. An economy which is sliding steadily downhill for want of foreign aid.

The snags can be removed—given sufficient time and money. The Americans have been looking at it all very carefully. They have seen that the railways must be renewed, the tracks doubled, new rolling stock provided (which is harder than it sounds, because the gauge of the Spanish railways is different from all the rest of Europe except Russia), harbours enlarged, roads repaired and new ones made, the Spanish Army armed, airfields built, fortifications constructed, and a whole supply system developed.

Unfortunately, but with some basis of authority, it is calculated that all this will cost something like \$2,500,000,000, which is a lot of money even by American standards. It could be less if Spain were merely regarded as an outpost for protecting the Mediterranean—a stepping-stone in a larger strategy—instead of the main base for the reconquest of Europe. But it would still be a lot of money for a peace-time Congress to vote.

Exports Control

Moreover, would the Spanish Government permit the necessary amount of control? For Spain would in many ways have to become another Greece. It would become infested with American Missions and experts.

Would Franco stand for this? Or, alternatively, would America be prepared to change the regime by force?

The final decision will be made in Washington, thousands of miles from here. But Spaniards, with a show of dignified aloofness, are waiting with some anxiety. One way or another, the future of most of them depends on it.

COULD THE U.N. SAVE THE CARDINAL?

By Sir Alfred Duff Cooper

At this moment there is lying in a dungeon in Europe a man of noble character and of painful life.

The whole world knows him to be innocent of any offence, unless it be a crime to believe in a religious faith and to uphold that faith in adversity.

What treatment he is receiving, and has received, we cannot tell. We only know that before he went into prison he warned us to believe nothing that he might say so long as he remained a prisoner.

His sentence is life imprisonment, for his failings do not intend that Cardinal Mindszenty shall ever be allowed to speak as a free man again.

While this horror is being perpetrated in our midst, there is held in Brussels a great congress to emphasise the importance of European unity.

If such a congress is to serve any purpose it should bring home to those who take part in it the duties and the responsibilities which, as Europeans, they must incur.

Those Who Watch

Crimes committed in Europe breed criminals, many not only the criminals but also those who stand idly by.

We may be told that we should mind our business. Yes, indeed, but first let us make sure what is our business and what is not.

When Hitler was preaching race-hatred and world domination, and practising the most cruel, the most inhuman, the most brutal, we were told that what took place in the interior of Germany was no business of ours.

Too soon we discovered, to our cost, that it was vitally our business, and it very nearly proved to be the last business we had to transact.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" was the cowardly excuse of the first murderer, and throughout the centuries the reply to it resounds in the affirmative.

One After Another

In the shameful period that preceded the outbreak of the second world war, one villain deed after another was committed by the dictators, none of which in itself seemed of sufficient importance to justify action that might precipitate war.

Each one of these deeds, whether it were the breach of the Treaty of Locarno, the rape of Czechoslovakia, or the invasion of Abyssinia and Albania, increased the power and encouraged the insolence of those who committed them, until they generally believed that there was no limit to the humiliations which the democracies would tamely accept.

They could not believe—and who shall blame them?—that the countries who refused to fight for Czechoslovakia would be willing to fight for Poland.

What they could not understand—how could they?—was that if we had fought in 1938, it would not have been for Czechoslovakia that we should have fought, nor in 1939 did we fight for Poland.

In 1939 it would have been, and in 1939 it was, for a great principle that the free peoples went at last to war. They believed that the strong should not be allowed to persecute the weak, and that the Great Powers should not be permitted to make slaves of those who were less powerful than they.

Believing in that principle, the democracies fought for six years, narrowly escaped destruction, and ultimately triumphed. Today that principle is being challenged again.

To the honour of the trade union movement, the leaders of it have never hesitated to call a strike in a great industry, although it might be the rights of only one single individual that were affected.

To many, who had not given careful thought to the matter, it often appeared wanton to disorganise a whole industry, to inflict widespread hardship, and to increase poverty merely to prevent the perpetration of a gross injustice by a minority against a majority. Many might have adopted the simpler method of compensating the sufferer out of the funds of the union. They would have been wrong. Injustice is a cancer that must be eradicated at the first moment of its detection, or it will spread and corrupt the whole body politic.

Of Peasant Stock

What are the facts that we know in the case of the Cardinal? We know that he is of humble origin, of peasant stock, and his gifts of mind and character, his intellectual probity, and the sanctity of his life have raised him to the position of a prince of the Catholic Church.

We know that he is loved and honoured by the People and the hierarchy, venerated and adored by the common people. We know that he is not only innocent but incapable of a crime.

We know also that, up to the moment of his incarceration, he was the most fearless of all those whose misfortune it is to live in the midst of the unhappiest countries which are under the heel of a merciless Communist minority.

His reckless courage seemed to be courting martyrdom. For many weeks he was lost to the world. When he reappeared he was a changed man. Terror was stamped on his countenance, and incoherent confessions poured from his lips.

Before any criticism the Cardinal for weakness, let them remember how one of our own martyrs, Thomas Cranmer, was ready to abjure his faith under the fear of death; how the truly devout and entirely sincere Syonara failed after prolonged torture to maintain his integrity; and how even St. John himself, either tricked or terrified, signed a recantation of his beliefs.

Age of Torture

The 19th century, the age of invention, knows methods of torture more adroit and more damnable than those known to the Renaissance or to the Middle Ages.

Since the trial in Hungary there has been another in Bulgaria, where more than a dozen Christian clergymen, of another Christian denomination, have died with one another in self-denunciation, describing themselves as the victims of American imperialism or as corrupted for life by a visit to England.

It is time that those who live behind the Iron Curtain were told that we are no longer impressed by these confessions. We have had too many of them.

To the civilised world they seem like some old-fashioned conluder's trick that we have

witnessed over since our childhood. We are still not sure how it is done, but we are no longer interested to learn. We have seen it too often. It has ceased to amuse.

Talked to Press

We have heard one witness out of Hungary since the trial whose word can be trusted. The American Minister on his way back to Washington paused in Paris and talked to the Press.

He said that conditions in Hungary were indescribable, that the trial was a farce, and that the charges against the Cardinal were ludicrous.

The organisation of the United Nations is now generally recognised as a conspicuous failure. It must either be mended or ended. It cannot do on as it is.

If some suitable occasion is sought for taking the drastic action that is demanded, what could be more suitable than the perpetration of a gross injustice by a minority against a majority? Let the free nations take this opportunity and not wait for a better. They should now propose that the liberation of the Cardinal be demanded as the price of any agreement for the world. If the veto be imposed upon such action, those who im-

pose it should be informed that the veto is as much an instrument of the past as are the thumbscrew and the rack.

The Old Principle

Henceforth the United Nations are going to work on the old democratic principle of majority rule. It may not be scientific, but it is rough and ready, and if it doesn't produce perfect results it prevents paralysis.

Supported by a substantial majority of the United Nations, plenipotentiaries should proceed to Budapest and say: "Hand over to us the living body of that good man or take the consequences."

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Menace In Malaya

By Lord Mancroft

The war in Malaya flared up again just when it seemed that the Government had at last gained the upper hand over banditry.

Every day there are fresh reports of planters being ambushed and murdered, trains derailed and houses set on fire.

On the face of it, the forces of law and order should by now completely dominate the "battlefields" of the Malayan jungle. The bandits cannot number more than 5,000 men, poorly equipped at that.

The High Commissioner has at his disposal some 50,000 regular and auxiliary police together with the equivalent of two divisions of soldiers and a powerful air force.

Troops, police and planters are now well armed, and training in jungle warfare has reached a high standard.

Why, therefore, do we not make a better showing? Why do these acts of murder, pillage and arson continue? Why are our casualties disproportionately heavier than those of the bandits? Why, in short, are we not winning the battle of Malaya?

The answer lies, in my opinion, with the Chinese. At the moment there are about the same number of Chinese in Malaya as there are Malays. The contribution which the two races have made to the suppression of violence is not, however, in a similar proportion. Almost all the auxiliary police are Malays, almost all the bandits are Chinese.

Not All Criminals

Of course, all the Chinese in Malaya are not potential criminals. On the average, they are no less peace-loving than the next man. Leading Chinese have frequently expressed their distaste for the crimes of their Russian-inspired compatriots.

In times of crisis, however, expressions of detestation are not enough.

The Chinese reaction has unfortunately been too often one of complacency, neutrality or fear. They have too often been prepared to withhold information and to pay for peace rather than

stand up to brigandage. When the Chinese finally stop paying this "protection money" after another would crumble even as the walls of Jericho fell down at the shout of the people and the blast of the trumpets.

Fighting Back

There are at last welcome signs of stiffening Chinese resistance. Responsible Chinese realise what powerful aid the bandits have derived from their quiescence, and have stirred their communal spirit to action.

On January 14 the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, announced that "protection money" was beginning to dry up.

The other great problem is that of the squatters. These indiscriminate, untrained Chinese communities afford the greatest help to the bandits. They supply them with food and clothes, provide them with a first-class intelligence service and hide them when they are on the run.

The Government has at last taken drastic measures to deal with this long-standing nuisance.

Debt of Honour

It is not more troops or more police that are wanted. Nor is there much more legislative action that the Government can take that has not already been taken.

What is now needed is the full co-operation of the whole population in the battle against anarchy. That battle must be won, and won quickly.

The outcome is of urgent concern to Great Britain no less than to Malaya.

Malaya is the biggest dollar-earning in the British Empire. For the most part, those dollars are earned by the rubber planters, and the tin-miners. They are the chief victims of banditry.

We do not always realise what a dangerous and nerve-racking life they lead.

If they were to give in, Malaya would be plunged into social and economic chaos. But they are not giving in. They are still sticking to their posts, and we are greatly in their debt. The debt is not only one of dollars, it is one of honour. We must see that it is repaid.

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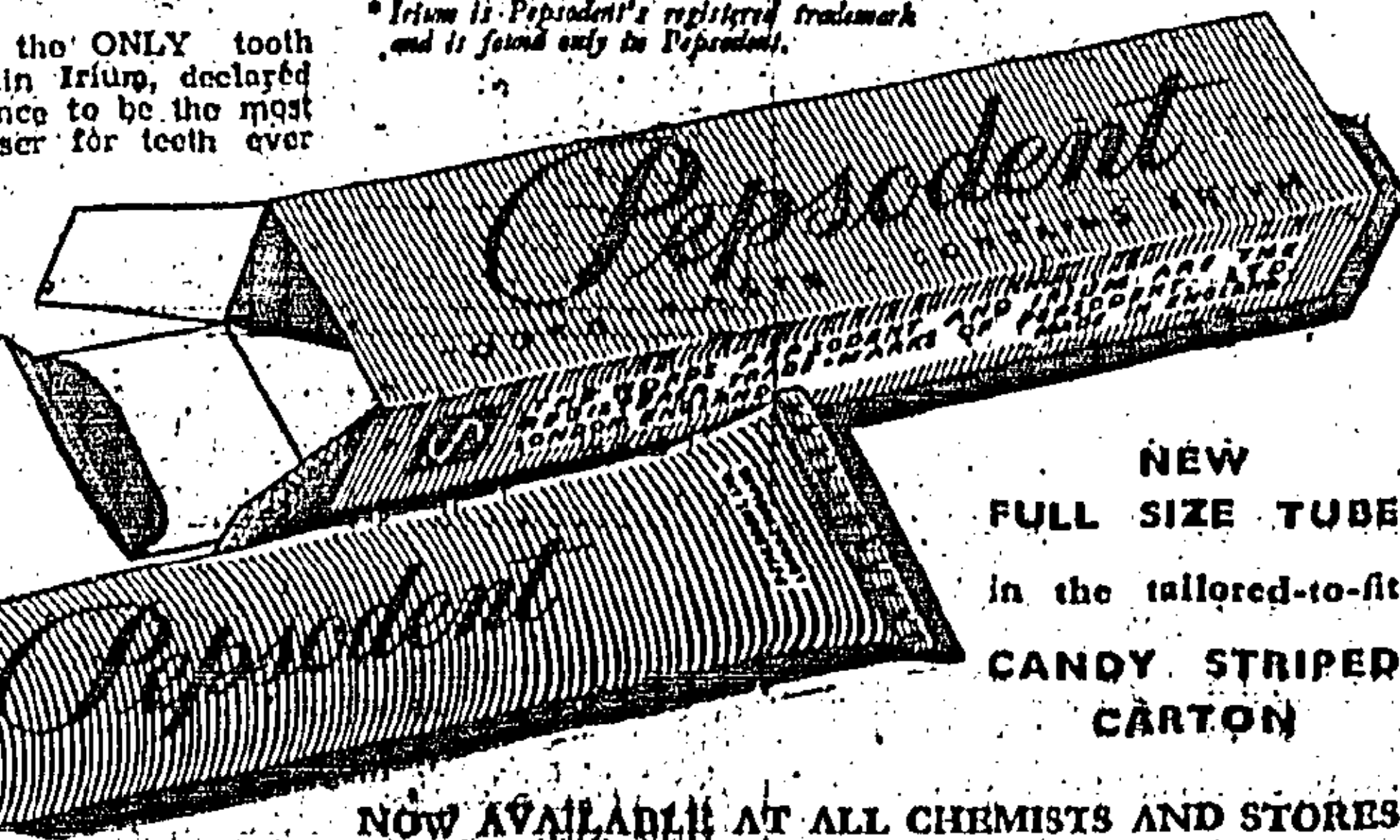
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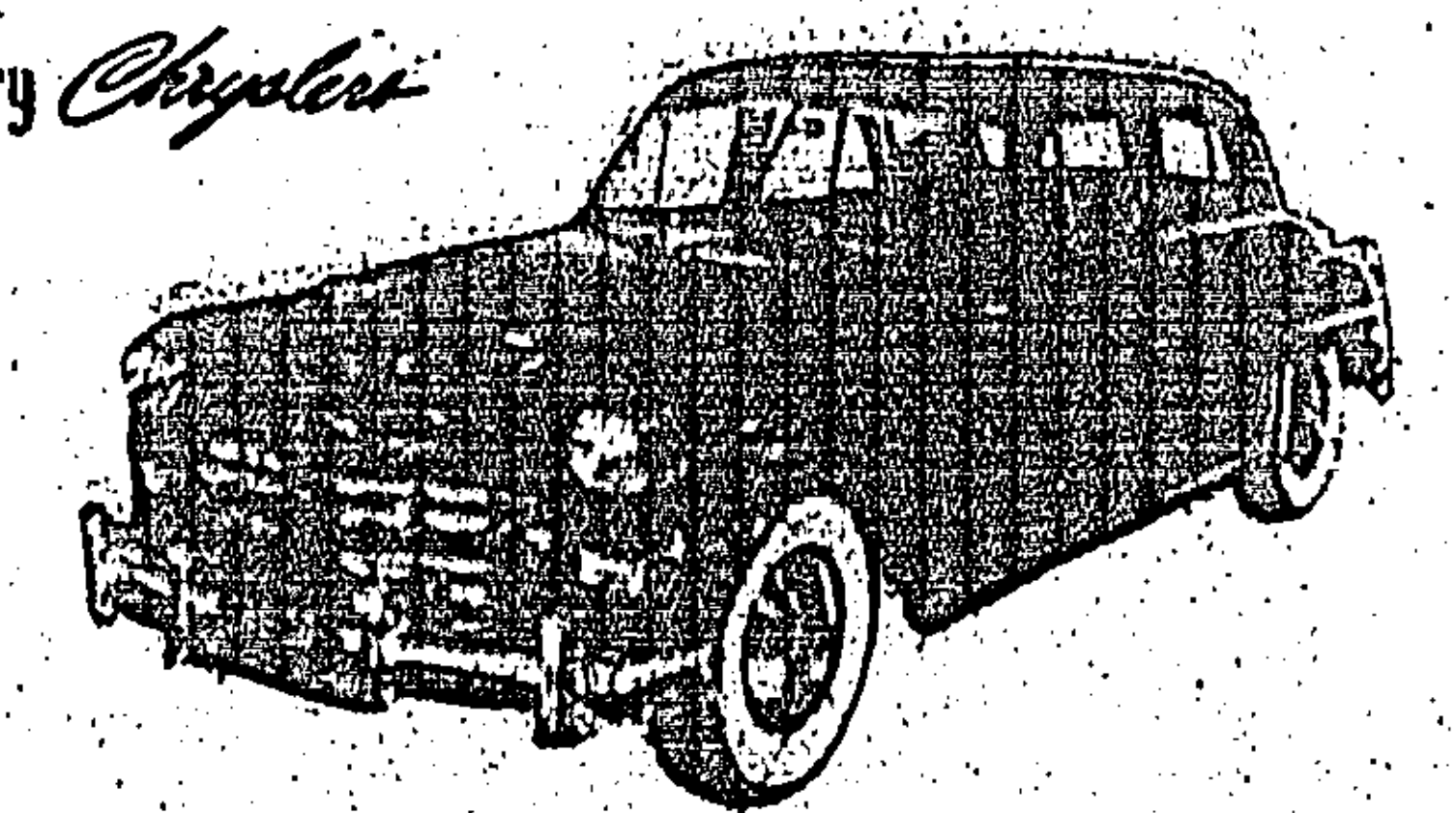
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White-clad Norwegian. A my ski-troopers file through a birch forest under deep snow along the 122-mile Arctic frontier between their country and Soviet Russia. One understrength company of Norwegian conscript infantry, equipped with light arms has charge of the long frontier. They are based on Kirkenes, four miles from the frontier. No Norwegian knows how many Russians are within striking distance, but guesses run to 50,000 or more. (AP Photo).

NORTHERN NORWAY CAN'T BE DEFENDED

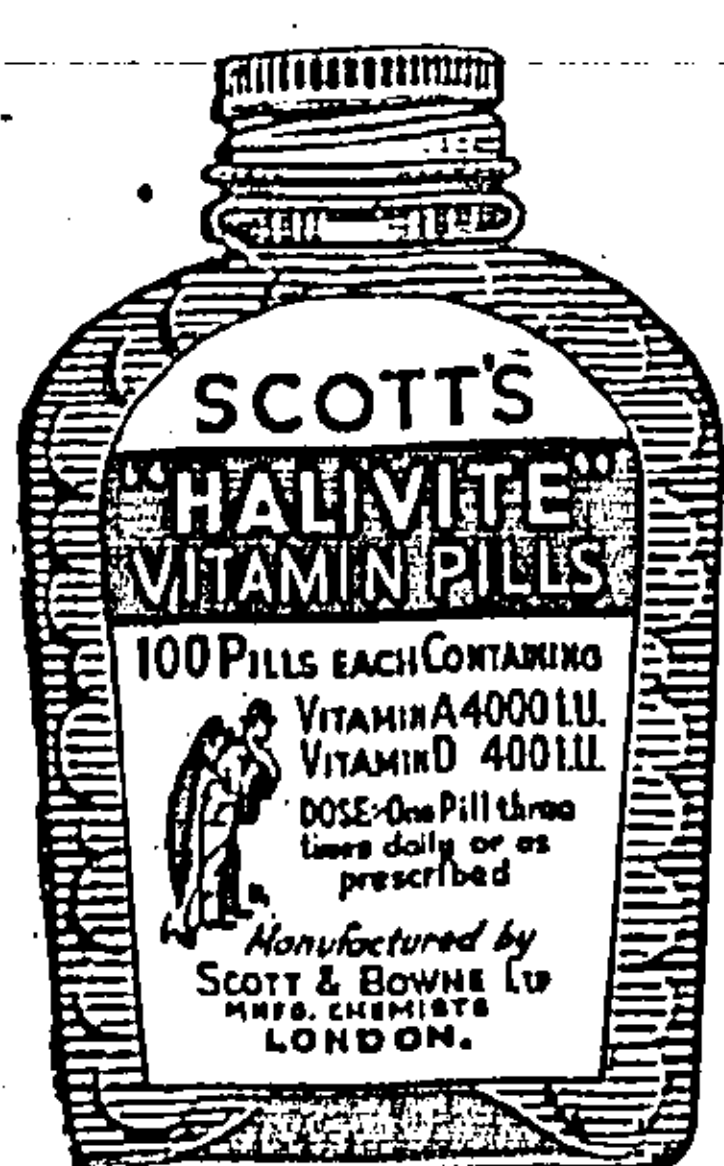
COLOUR BAR IN AFRICA

Cape Town, March 18. The Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, announced today that legislation on racial separation will be introduced during the present Parliament session.

He made this announcement during question time in the House of Assembly, the Lower House of the South African Parliament.

Dr. Malan's Nationalist Party gained a majority of the seats in the recent Provincial Council elections, in which a main issue was the policy of Apartheid (racial segregation).

In a statement on March 11, the Prime Minister said the Government regarded the result of the elections as a confirmation of the mandate given by the people in the general election on May 26, and take it as a further mandate to carry out the policy of Apartheid.—Reuter.



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Oslo, March 19. The famous North Cape—Russia's gateway to the Atlantic—cannot be defended. A battalion of Soviet troops could seize it any day that Stalin gave the order.

The North Cape flies the Norwegian flag. But it is temptingly situated near Russia's Arctic frontier. In the present condition of Norwegian defences, it is virtually unprotected.

Many strategic prizes lie close to the vast limits of the Soviet Union. But none appears so helpless as the North Cape in case of a small, local attack—an attack designed by the Kremlin to be "short of war."

Any people less glacially calm than the Norwegians would be frightened. For they are standing alone without a guarantee of aid from any source—as a focus of Russia's suspicion and anger.

Despite Soviet warnings, Norway has turned to the West for security. The very gesture was a risk.

Military experts say:

"The Kremlin may not want a global war at all, but a skirmish is something else. Seizing the North Cape might mean only a skirmish. The question is whether the Kremlin is ready to take that gamble in the next few months."

An Open Book

The weak defences of Northern Norway are presumably an open book to Soviet Military Intelligence. In addition, the Norwegian Communist party, although supported by less than 10 per cent of the people, is an old hand at boring from within.

Narrow, mountainous Norway is 1,100 miles long. Nearly half of this "land of the midnight sun" is within the Arctic Circle, thinly inhabited, cut off from rapid communication with Oslo, the capital in the South.

Besides a frontier of 122 miles with Russia, there is another of 450 miles with Finland, which is in a "tight Soviet military grip."

In the estimation of Russian strategists, the North Cape may outrank in importance the Danubian and the Skagerrak, which control Soviet passage to the Mediterranean and the North Sea.

Russian officers are familiar with the North Cape terrain. They penetrated Norway for 100 miles in pursuing the German army in 1944.

No Buffers

The havoc which Germans wrought on the Allied supply line to Russia around the North Cape is still a vivid memory. No real military buffer stands between the North Cape and the Petsamo area which Russia annexed from Finland.

and now strongly garrisons. A small Norwegian outpost located at Kirkenes on the single coastal road leading from Petsamo to the Cape. It is potentially at the mercy of Soviet frontier artillery less than five miles distant.

The few Norwegian troops at Kirkenes are almost wholly engaged in police work—keeping herders and livestock from straying into Russian territory. The Kirkenes airfield is weather-bound in the winter. When planes fly, they are sternly warned to stay away from the frontier.

Scattered pioneer villages hug the fjords in the North Cape region. Fishing is the main occupation. There is a shortage of everything but human endurance. The North is an economic burden on Norway as well as a possible military liability.

No Secret

Norway's most tenuous defence line is in the vicinity of Narvik, nearly 300 miles from the North Cape, if Russia ever attempts a "police action" at Narvik, several hundred miles from the frontier. The narrow land is rugged.

It is no secret in Oslo that Norway could not hope to offer more than a brief resistance in the far North. A few platoons of ski troops, several fighter planes and a gun-boat or two warily keep watch.

The irony of the situation is that the Norwegians really like the Russian people. The Red Army behaved well when it entered Norway in 1944, distributed free grain to relieve a famine, and withdrew punctually in 1945. Traditionally, there has been little or no friction between Russia and Norway.—Associated Press.

Canberra, March 19. The Acting Attorney General, Nicholas McKenna, was authorised by the Government today to prosecute the Communist leader, Lance Sharkey, for alleged sedition.

Sharkey recently joined Communist leaders elsewhere in declaring that if Soviet troops came to Australia in pursuit of an aggressor, Australian workers would welcome them.—United Press.

Moscow Hint To Norway

Moscow, March 18. The Soviet trade union paper "Trud" declared today that the policy of Norway's Government circles is transforming the country into a bridgehead for an attack against Russia.

The paper said the bosses of the Norwegian Labour Party want to make the country a forward post for the aggressive Atlantic bloc.—Reuter.

Marooned For Five Months

Honolulu, March 18. A group of 41 Indonesians shipwrecked last October on the shores of a desolate, uninhabited island in the Pacific have been rescued by a Navy auxiliary ship.

The group was stranded on Pulo Anna Island, 200 miles South West of Palau, in the Western Carolines, when their 46-foot sailboat was blown off its course in a storm.

The U.S. auxiliary ship Jekyl discovered the Indonesians during a routine trip to the islands. Lieutenant Hugh Campbell, skipper of the Navy vessel, said the Indonesians were in poor condition and were short of food. When rescued, they were building a small boat in which they planned to sail to Menoeta Island in Dutch Indonesia.

The group, which included a baby born on February 2, is receiving medical care at the naval dispensary at Koror while arrangements are made to evacuate them to Indonesia.—United Press.

Trygve Lie Dodges The Issue

Lake Success, March 19. The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, today refused to give direct approval or criticism to the North Atlantic alliance.

He refused to comment directly, but said he had been sent the final draft of the document two days ago in accordance with the United Nations procedure on regional treaties.

Asked at a press conference whether he believes the treaty necessary because the United Nations is unable to keep world peace, Mr. Lie said: "The United Nations has no machinery to keep peace."

"We have no military forces of the United Nations under the Security Council, but we have overwhelming moral forces which have led to peace in 17 cases in all, including the difficult Palestine and Kashmir cases. We will not say the solution has been satisfactory in all cases, but we have prevented war in each one."—United Press.

SECRET MISSION TO AUSTRALIA COMES TO AN END

Sydney, March 18.

Lord Listowel leaves Australia for New Zealand on Sunday—his mission here still secret.

Lord Listowel is British Minister for Colonial Affairs. He is one of four high British Government men now visiting the Dominions for important talks.

All are on the same mission, Lord Listowel says.

Lord Listowel reached Canberra on Monday. Since then he has had two meetings with the Premier, J. B. Chifley, one with the Cabinet and one with the Defence Minister, Mr. John Dredman, and the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur A. Calwell.

After his first meetings with Mr. Chifley and the Cabinet, Lord Listowel told newsmen that the talks were extremely satisfactory.

"What are the talks about?" reporters have asked a dozen times. Each time Lord Listowel has replied that he cannot say.

"So Delicate"

Once he told newsmen: "Some things are so delicate and difficult that if they were discussed by the press they would be certain not to come off."

Mr. Chifley also refused at his news conference today to tell what the talks are about. All he would say was that Lord Listowel is explaining the views of Mr. Clement Attlee and the

British Government on certain matters and is seeking the Australian Government's opinion.

The Prime Minister added that if any statement becomes necessary on the matters discussed, it will come from Mr. Attlee.

Most people here believe the talks concern British Commonwealth defence. — Associated Press.

Mr. Ralston Palme Dutt, Vice-Chairman of the British Communist Party, will oppose Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, at the next election in the latter's London suburban constituency of East Woolwich.

This was reported in today's Communist "Daily Worker."

Mr. Palme Dutt has written several books, one of which was published in 1942 under the title: "A Guide to the Problem of India."

In an interview with a "Daily Worker" correspondent, Mr. Palme Dutt is reported as saying: "I shall fight Mr. Bevin as the representative of a Tory foreign policy which is betraying the principles of the Labour Government, crippling reconstruction at home, surrendering the country to America and bringing on the menace of a new world war."—Reuter.

Socialism And New Communism

Moscow, March 18.

The Soviet Union has completed the building of socialism, and a new programme, to ensure transition to a full Communist society, is being prepared, the Communist Party paper "Pravda" announced today.

"The Party is leading our nation to Communism," it said.

"Pravda" added that the announcement of a new programme was made at the Cominform meeting in Poland in September, 1947.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Georgi Imulenkov, one of the Deputy Chairmen of the Soviet Council of Ministers, told the meeting that the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party, comprising about 70 members, was preparing the new programme.—Reuter.

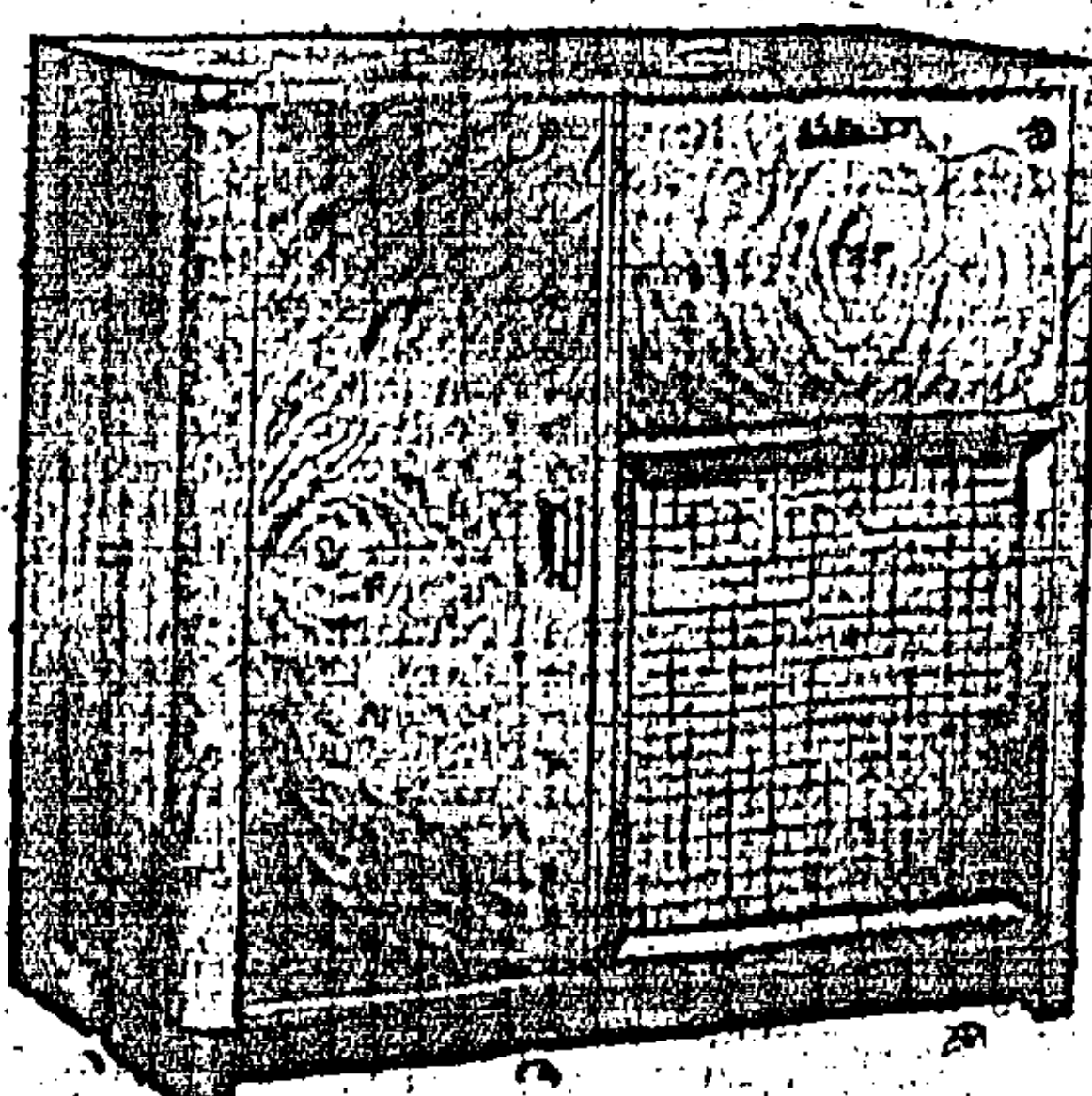
JEWEL THEFT

Hungertford, March 18.

Jewels worth £20,000 were stolen last night from Hungertford Park, the country home of Mr. A.S. Turner, Chairman of the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company.

Mr. Turner is Chairman of Anglo Brothers (England); Director of the Delta Insurance Company Limited and of Geoffrey Turner and Company Limited.—Reuter.

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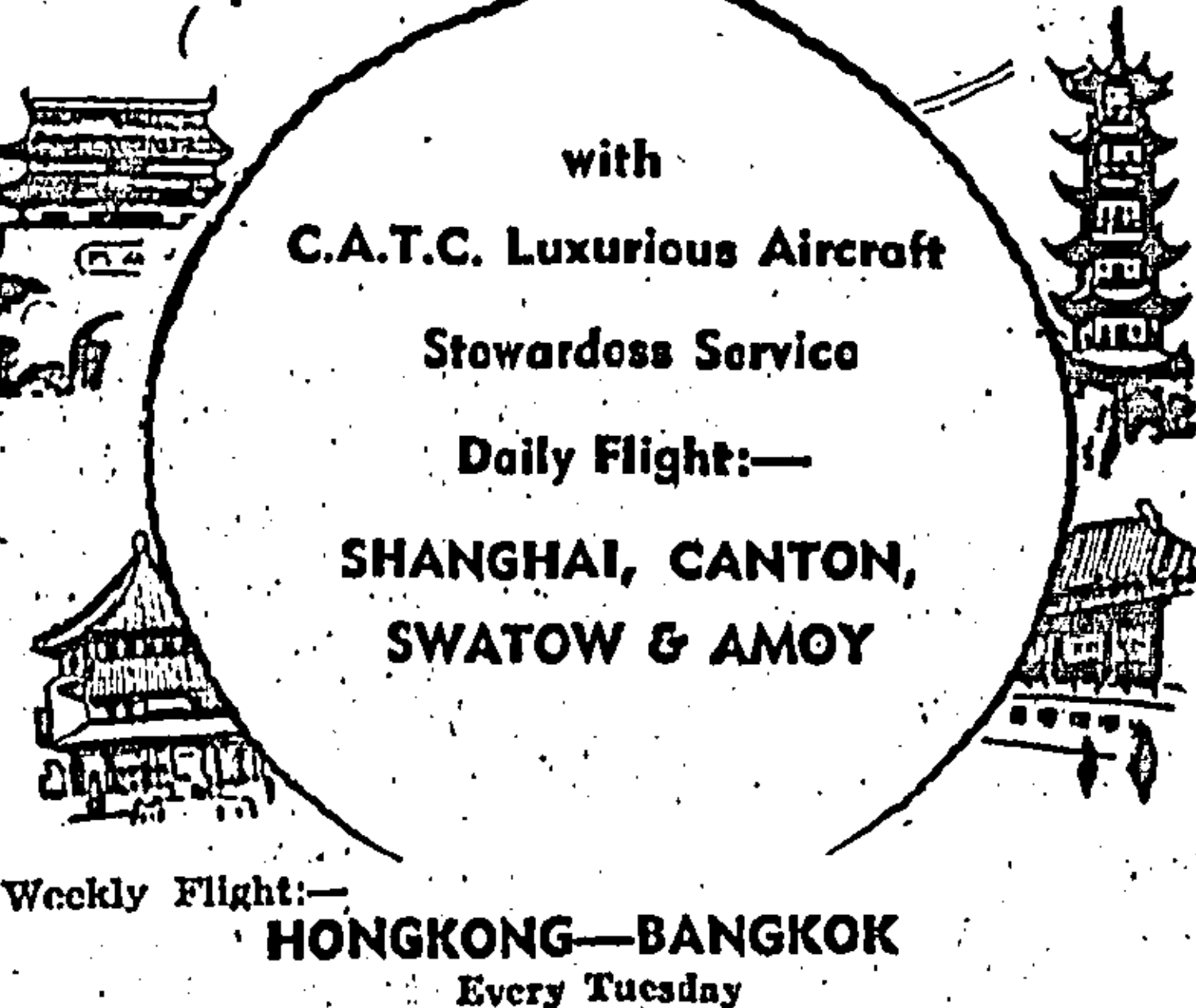
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SELF DEFENCE

Those of us in the Far East
read with almost as much
concentration as worried
citizens of the West the pub-
lished text yesterday of the
Atlantic Pact. By this in-
strument, seven nations an-
nounce that they will fight
aggression by armed force at
any time during the next 20
years. The usual frustration
of international conferences
has been overcome in face of
the permeating menace from
Moscow, which is all very
gratifying.

There is, of course, another
side. Nobody believes that
Russia—the only obvious
enemy—is going to take this
lying down. The Cominform,
whose activities are by means
limited to the countries who
are overt members, will al-
most certainly alert its fifth
columns in all the signatory
nations, as well as others who
have been invited to join.
The familiar unscrupulous
tactics, ranging from fomented
strikes to the semi-civil
war tried since the war in
France and Italy, can be ex-
pected—everything short of
the Kremlin is preparing but
for which the time is not yet ripe.

Knowledgeable Western ob-
servers admit that the power
caucus in America approved
the Atlantic Pact, just as the
Soviet propaganda machine
has accused, to further their
own "capitalist imperialist"
expansion ideas, but their
support was only subsidiary.
The great mass of the peoples
agreed to its formation, in
sheer self defence, in fear of
Russia, although that power
prefers to work by burrowing
from within, and creating a
hidden dry rot of treason
against which guns and packs
are of no avail.

This association of peoples
is not nearly so dangerous a
striking force—except, per-
haps in the long run—as the
belt of conquered countries
Russia has thrown up against
her frontiers from the Baltic
to the Mediterranean, and
further, it plans no aggression
against anyone. Neverthe-
less, Russia is protesting
strongly, on true Marxist
lines that "he who is not with
me is against me," and has
already accused Britain and
France of violating their pact
with her.

The trouble is that even the
most violent fifth column
sabotage will not invoke the
help of signatories to this
agreement. In any case, what
good could they do, except
declare outright war on the
Soviets? The Kremlin can
therefore multiply her
schemes of internal distur-
bance without fear of retri-
bution, except in the last re-
sort.

Although all the seven na-
tions are pledged to go to the
help of the others, the pact
is really based on the as-
sistance of America, and it is
probable that Russia does not
expect the U.S. to declare
war in the event of anything
short of actual invasion of a
member nation. As the
Secretary of State, Mr. Dean
Acheson, explained yester-
day: every signatory will
take whatever action it thinks
necessary to restore peace
and security—and this may
not be by sending armed
forces.

In spite of its weaknesses
and makeshifts, the Atlantic
Pact is the first concerted at-
tempt made by the de-
mocracies to defend them-
selves against Russian ag-
gression, and it is an augury
for the success of the pro-
posed Pacific pact that sovereign
nations with different back-
grounds have already achieved
material agreement and
made material concessions.

China Cannot Be Helped

During the past week a pro-
posal, sponsored by Senator Pat
McCarran, and signed by 50
U.S. Senators, advocating new
grants for military and econo-
mical aid to the Chinese Nation-
alists, amounting to US\$1,500,-
000,000 (£375,000,000) has
been submitted to the Secre-
tary of State by the Chair-
man of the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee.

It was coupled with a threat
from its sponsor that he would
attempt to hold up the projected
grant of \$2,000,000,000 for arms
to Europe unless this "positive"
China aid programme was ap-
proved.

About the same time the Chair-
man of the Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee of the House of Represen-
tatives introduced a Bill provid-
ing authority to continue the pre-
sent China relief programme until
the end of 1949. This is a less
ambitious project inasmuch as it
understands that only some
US\$ 50,000,000 of the sum-origi-
nally earmarked for China remains
unexpended.

The State Department has left
Congress under no illusions re-
garding its opposition to com-
munist aggression. That it should
have received the support of 50
Senators can only be regarded as
evidence of the appalling igno-
rance of U.S. legislators regarding
conditions in China.

Economic And
Military Assistance

If my memory serves me aright,
the American Government and
taxpayers, up to the middle of
1947, had spent not less than
US\$2,000,000,000 on economic and
military assistance to China.
This included military equipment
and aircraft, foodstuffs and medi-
cal supplies, raw materials, in-
dustrial equipment, grants for
educational and other institutions
and many other items, some being
outright gifts, some provided by
America's substantial contribu-
tions to UNRRA, and some sold
to the Chinese Government
(mostly on credit) at a fraction
of their market value.

What has been the result?
Practically all this money (and
what it represented), including
large additional grants since 1947,
have gone down the drain! Scandal
after scandal was unearthed
in connection with the handling
of UNRRA supplies, and of raw
materials and industrial equip-
ment intended to assist in China's
rehabilitation.

And far from American aid
earning any appreciation or good-
will, the Chinese has been exact-
ly the opposite. One need only re-
call the scandalous activities of
the students of St. John's Univer-
sity at Shanghai (a university
founded, equipped, and largely
maintained and staffed by Ameri-
can Christians) communists a few
months ago. The Chinese really needs
evidence of basic ingratitude.

As to the usefulness of military
aid, it seems only necessary to
remind my readers that the Com-
munist military parades through
Peking were composed largely of
American tanks, armoured vehi-

cles, trucks, and artillery, and of
troops armed with American
rifles and machine-guns.

Owing to financial stringency,
the British Empire has not been
able—even had it been willing—
to compete with America in
financial and material assistance
to China. It paid its share in a
substantial one of UNRRA as-
sistance. It sought to assist
China by training Chinese naval
officers and ratings on the British
system, and providing China with
several warships. (Including a
5,200 ton cruiser and some smaller
naval craft).

British Share

To what purpose? A Corvette
(formerly HMS Petunia, renamed
the Fu-Po) whose officers and men
had received an intensive training
by the British Navy, and which
was equipped with the latest
Radar apparatus, had no sooner
reached Hong Kong than her
trained crew was replaced by
new and inexperienced Chinese
sailors. She was sunk in a collision,
during a fog, a few weeks
after delivery, with the loss of all
on board—a clear proof that the
Radar apparatus was not in use
at the time.

By H.G.W.
Woodhead
C.B.E.

Still more recently the 5,000
ton cruiser Chongking (ex-HMS
Trent) delivered to China only a
few months ago with a highly
trained complement of officers
and bluejackets, and said to be
due to carry the Generalissimo to
Amoy, has deserted to the Reds,
and is now believed to be in
Dalien.

It is fatuous, under such con-
ditions, for America or Great
Britain to supply the National
Government with additional naval
or military equipment, unless it
is their intention to strengthen
China's Communist forces.

Equally fatuous is it to attempt
to supply China with non-military
equipment.

Two years ago as an UNRRA
gift, a fleet of about 170 modern
fishing vessels, motor driven, and
equipped with radio-telephones,
depth-sounders, and purse seines,
and coming from America,
Canada, Australia and New Zea-
land, arrived in Shanghai. They
were commandeered by experienced
foreign masters, and the idea was
that the introduction of modern
methods of fishing would assist
in increasing, and lowering the
cost of China's food supplies.

What happened? Five of them
which put to sea after months of
idleness and returned laden to the
gunwhales with fish, found that
their cargoes could not be
disposed of in Shanghai because
they would compete with the
local (official) fish-monopoly.

Apparently most of them have
remained idle, and deteriorating,
ever since, for nearly last week
the Executive Council of the Exe-
cutive Yuan had at last approved
a scheme for leasing 50 of them out
to Chinese shipping companies
for a five-year term on payment
of a rental sufficient to cover de-
preciation, inspection, and insur-
ance costs. In view of the op-
position of established Chinese
fishery interests it may be doubt-

No Co-operation

The unco-operative attitude of
Chinese official and private in-
terests to all attempts by Ameri-
ca and Britain to assist in reviv-
ing post-war trade has been
shown by the refusal to permit
foreign vessels to land or dis-
charge at any Yangtze port
(which would have materially
lowered the cost of import, ex-
port and rehabilitation cargoes)
and, more recently, the outcry
against the proposal that foreign
shipping should be permitted to
call at Wuhan. The monopoly
enjoyed by Chinese shipping in-
terests has been exploited to such
an extent that it has become al-
most impossible to deliver export
cargoes at ocean-shipping ports
at prices which attract foreign
buyers.

I have no hesitation in assert-
ing that it is impossible, today,
to furnish the remnants of the
Chinese Nationalist Government
with military equipment that can
prove of the slightest value in
stemming the Communist ad-
vance. On the contrary, any
such assistance is far more likely
to strengthen the Red Forces.

Further, to supply other material aid,
which will almost certainly fall
into Communist hands (or as in
the case of the four at Peking, be
seized by the Reds) will mean
the abandonment of an important
bargaining factor when the ex-
plicit ruling from the Communists
as to their future attitude to-
wards foreign trade and industry.

Ferocious Propaganda

They have been indulging in
ferocious propaganda against
American assistance in any form,
and the only practical way of in-
ducing them to realise the neces-
sity of maintaining commercial
relations with the Democracies is
to make it plain from the outset
that they must pay, in exports or
acceptable currency, for every-
thing imported from abroad.

Nothing could be more ridiculous
than to furnish China with raw
material and industrial equipment
free of charge, while wherever
the Reds advance they control or
seize such materials, and place
intolerable restrictions upon for-
eign Consular officials, merchants
and others.

It is much too late to redeem
the military situation. Indeed it
is doubtful whether, even if
America had poured in 10 times
the amount of military and other
equipment, a regime so corrupt
and inefficient as that of the Ku-
mintang could have delayed the
Communist advance.

Chiang Kai-shek and his four-
ever stubbornly resisted even those
elementary reforms which, as
General Marshall pointed out,
might have changed the situa-
tion almost overnight. Generals
Sillwell, Wedemeyer, and Mar-
shall, all attempted to induce the
Generalissimo to adopt
reforms which would have been
beneficial to China, and might have stem-
med the Red tide. Even if, as
some American commentators
and legislators have suggested,
General MacArthur were now
sent to act as Supreme Military
Adviser, he would find the task
utterly beyond his capacity. He
would be asked to destroy the
Communist forces, beyond re-
pair, either by U.S. dollars, or by
U.S. Military equipment.

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MacArthur Speaks To
G. Ward Price

General Douglas MacArthur,
Supreme Allied Commander in the
Far East, has outlined to me the
new Anglo-U.S. strategy in the
Pacific.

American strategy had been
completely transformed by the
war, he said. "Our defensive
dispositions against Asiatic ag-
gression used to be based on the
Coast of the American Continent.
The Pacific was looked upon as
the avenue of possible enemy ap-
proach."

"Now the Pacific has become an
Anglo-Saxon lake and our line of
defence runs through the chain of
islands fringing the coast of Asia.
We don't want Japan to fight.
Her role is to be the Switzerland
of the Pacific."

"In that case we should cer-
tainly defend her, but I don't
believe Russia will attack Japan.
Even if the Soviet Government
had aggressive intentions
towards her it would be incapable
of carrying them out unless it
could secure mastery of the air
and either had a Far Eastern
fleet of its own or possessed the
means of neutralising any action
by our fleet."

"Russia could not obtain air
predominance."

"On Okinawa I had constructed
by the end of the war 25 air-
fields with the capacity to dis-
patch B29s, then our largest
bombers, on 3,500 missions a
day."

"The whole of Eastern Asia
from Singapore to Vladivostok
would lie within range of those
machines."

Premature Proposal

I asked General MacArthur
what he thought of the suggestion
that Japan should be allowed to
raise a home defence army.

"That is a premature pro-
posal," he said. "It is a matter
that could be decided only when
the peace treaty with Japan is
drafted. Till then the Army of
Occupation will remain here—
not to hold down the Japanese,
that is unnecessary, but because
owing to the unfortunate split
between the Powers that were
Allies during the war, Japan has
become an outpost which we are
entitled to occupy in defence of
Anglo-Saxon interests."

"If Japan were ever attacked
it would not be difficult to raise
an army to co-operate with us
in her defence. The Japanese
are about the stubbornest infan-
try soldiers in the world."

"I mentioned the suggestion
made in Russia that the Japa-
nese police were the nucleus of a
future army. MacArthur dis-
missed the idea."

"There are 125,000 of them
whose task is simply to preserve
internal order, and not more
than 20 per cent even have
pistols."

MacArthur does not believe
that Communism is a danger to
Japan, despite the recent in-
crease of Communist members in
the House of Representatives
from four to 35 out of a total of
468.

"That proportion probably re-
flects more than their actual
strength in the country."

"I don't think the Japanese
Communists have any direct
connection with Moscow. Com-
munism is unlikely to spread in
a country where 48 per cent of
the people are small farmers."

"Land reform by which we
transferred properties of the
landlords to the tenants has given
many more people stake in the
country. I don't regard Com-

munist in Japan as more formid-
able than in America or Britain."

The General believes that the
Japanese are grateful for the new
social ideas and greater freedom
the Allied occupation has brought
them.

Nearly A Briton

With much experience in in-
terviewing many of the world's
most prominent personalities, I
have seldom found one whose
conversation was so impressive
as General MacArthur.

It ranged over the strategy of
the last war in Europe and the
American Government's policy
in China with remarkable
fluency and a telling choice of
phrases.

The frequency with which the
flow of his talk allowed his big
briar pipe to go out reminded me
of the late Marshal Foch, whose
gift of vividly expounding a com-
plicated subject MacArthur shares.

He wore American battle-dress
with five small silver stars in a
circle on the shoulder-strap.
His office is a paneled room on
the top floor of an imposing
granite-pillared building, former-
ly an insurance office, that faces
the moated Imperial Palace.

If General MacArthur's father
had been born a few months ear-
lier the General himself, now 69,
would have been entitled to claim
British nationality.

"My grandfather was a Scot
living in Glasgow, his birthplace,
who went to America in 1842 at
the age of 30. My father was
born shortly afterwards, and I was
brought up in the traditions of
the clan MacArthur. I have never
been to Scotland, but I certainly
intend to go there if I live long
enough."

He expressed the warmest feel-
ings for the British nation and
for the Australians, whose com-
mander-in-chief he was during
the war.

"Never could I have had more
loyal support than they gave me,
from the Cabinet Minister to the
fighting man," he said.

Great Churchill

His greatest admiration goes to
Winston Churchill, with whom he
was in correspondence during his
command in Australia.

"As a strategist, statesman,
philosopher, and writer Mr.
Churchill has no equal in the
world," he said. "His grasp of
international conditions was
wider than that of any war
leader."

"Had his policy prevailed in
more of the great decisions that
were taken, the world would
be a better place today."

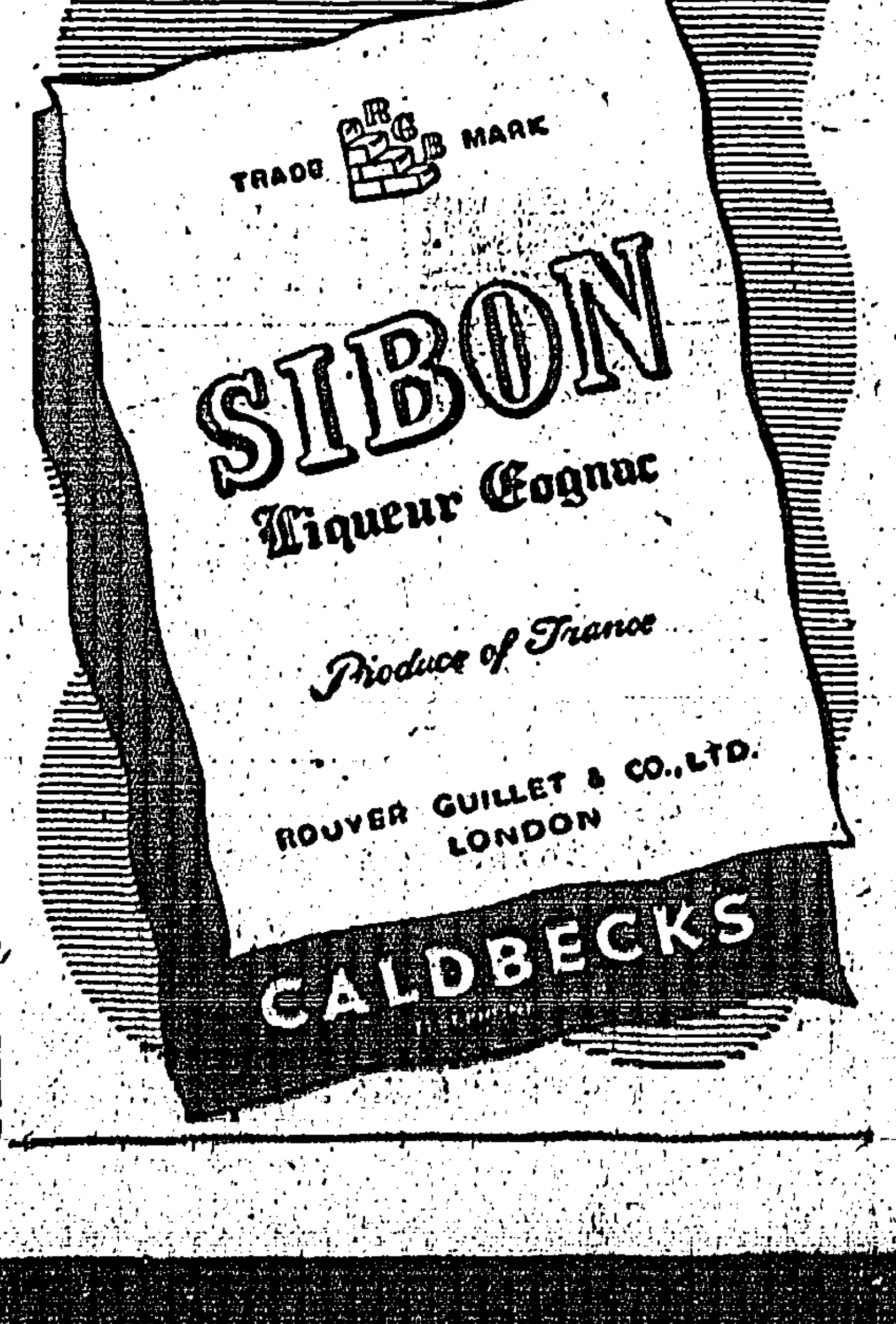
"While others saw only the im-
mediate emergency," Churchill
was thinking far ahead."

General MacArthur regretted
the reduction of British and Com-
monwealth forces under his com-
mand from nearly 40,000 to fewer
than 3,000, though he said he
understood the reasons that had
made their various Governments
withdraw them.

He praised the conduct of the
Australian troops, who are the
only representatives of the British
Commonwealth remaining in
Japan. He had been told Aus-
tralian did not readily adapt
themselves to garrison conditions,
but he had found their behaviour
exemplary.

50 Years Of It

It is 12 years since MacArthur
was last in the United States.
War duties and long service in
the Philippines, where his father
was Commander-in-Chief before
him, have given him an unusu-
ally wide knowledge of Far Eastern
affairs.



Overwhelming Forces Of The New Alliance

Soviet Line-Up Dwarfed By Combined Strength MORE BASIC RESOURCES

London, March 19.

A survey of the manpower and the basic military resources of the 12 powers expected to join the North Atlantic Pact reveals that their combined strength dwarfs that of the Soviet Union and its Eastern European "satellites."

Data drawn from United Nations and other official sources shows that the Western group would be able to bring to bear the overwhelming force which President Truman said recently would henceforth oppose any armed attack.

The Western powers together possess: 1.—Nearly 15 per cent more manpower than the Soviet group.

2.—More than three times as much capacity for producing steel—the basic material of ships, planes, tanks, guns and other essential implements of warfare.

3.—Twice as much production of coal to run factories, power plants and railways.

4.—Eight times as much oil for lubricating and powering planes, machinery and ships, excluding available Latin-American, Middle Eastern and Far Eastern production.

5.—Almost 34 times as much ocean-going merchant tonnage to transport men, supplies and equipment.

6.—Nearly 30 times as many lorries, buses and passenger motor cars.

The best available figures on these basic resources are:

U.S. Arms Aid

The Atlantic powers: population 332,338,526. Armed forces 4,648,600. Ocean shipping gross-tonnage in 1948 56,395,500. Coal production (1947)

890,500,000 tons. Steel production (1947) 112,500,000 tons. Oil output (1948) 1,741,967,000 barrels. Motor vehicles in use (1947) 40,924,070.

The Soviet group: Population 220,542,100. Armed forces 5,208,000. Ocean shipping in 1948 1,671,000 gross tons. Steel production (1947) 31,300,000 tons. Coal production (1947) 404,700,000 tons. Oil output 201,733,000 barrels. Motor vehicles in use in 1947, 1,427,467.

The United States Government is willing to send \$3,000 to \$5,000 million worth of arms and military equipment to the European members of the Atlantic Pact in the first 12 months after its ratification, usually well-formed Paris sources said tonight.

A new American military lend-lease programme is seen in the French capital as the vital cog in the machinery of the Atlantic Pact.

Western Europe is considered by continental military experts as present to be so inferior in arms to Russia and her satellite countries that if Russia attacked by land today no effective resistance could be offered.

Real Test

Everybody on the continent knows that the pact represents no security at all until the defence forces of Western Europe and North America have been entirely remodelled and re-armed.

The real test of the Atlantic Pact will come, according to military observers, when the participating nations are asked to agree to a practical plan for pooling arms and troops.

At that stage, two basic questions will have to be faced:

1. Is the continent to supply most of the infantry?

2. Is the strategic defence plan of the Atlantic Pact nations to be drawn up in an offensive spirit, with the object of successfully holding attacking Russian armies East of the Rhine?

Western Europe hailed the military alliance as the best defence against war and Communism.

Communists cried "war-monger".

Publication of the terms of the pact is sure to arouse Russian attack—but they had not yet come last night.

Effective Shield

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, predicted in the House of Commons that the Atlantic accord will mark a new era of co-operation and understanding.

HINT OF PORTUGAL'S COURSE

Lisbon, March 18.

The belief among observers here that Portugal will enter the Atlantic Union was strengthened today by an editorial in the Government Party newspaper "Diario da Manhã."

Without mentioning any Government decision, the paper said: "The North Atlantic Pact is an alliance of legitimate defence. Russia herself is not unaware of that, however much she may pretend to consider it a war alliance."—Reuter.

Russia Leaves Wheat Talks

Washington, March 18.

The Dow Jones Financial News Agency said tonight that it is understood Russia has withdrawn from the World Wheat Conference as an active participant.

Russia will continue as an observer in further talks, the agency added.

The report said this will leave the way open for the importing nations to accept an earlier proposal by the big three exporters (the United States, Australia and Canada) that an agreement be signed without Russia.—Reuter.

UN Observers Shot In Sumatra

Batavia, March 18.

Two members of the six-nation group of United Nations military observers—a Briton and an American—were wounded South of Medan, in Sumatra, today.

The American Consul-General, Mr. Charles Livengood, announced this today.

It is the first case of UN casualties in the bitter guerrilla warfare which is taking approximately 500 lives weekly in Java and Sumatra.

No details were immediately available in Batavia but it was reported that the two wounded men are in hospital in Medan.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Briton was seriously wounded and the American slightly.

They are Lieutenant Colonel H.D. Chaplin and Major John Albert Simmons, of Bangor, Maine.

A Dutch military spokesman said that the five observers were ambushed in a jeep South of Medan on Friday afternoon.

'COLD' WAR NOW IN NEW PHASE

London, March 18.

Publication of the proposed Atlantic pact signals the start of probably the most dangerous phase of the East-West diplomatic war. It is a period that will doubtless see Russia respond with just about everything short of force.

Western diplomats freely predict that the Communist political machine, that stretches into every European country, will foment strikes, political demonstrations and possibly riots and sabotage.

These "fifth column" activities will not be enough to invoke the mutual assistance clauses of the Atlantic treaty. Under the pact, the Atlantic powers would even consult about such undermining tactics until these go as far as to threaten the security of the state.

Thus Russia, without fear of immediate consequences, could of the tactics it used so well before. Russia also might denounce the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties of co-operation.

These treaties, which were to last 20 years, pledged the great Eastern hemisphere to work for peace. The Soviet already has accused Britain and France of violating their pacts. This could build up for denunciation of the treaties.

The Danger

However, such a move would be more psychological than material because the pacts are already operative.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said the Atlantic alliance does not affect the validity of the Franco-Soviet

pact. A British Foreign Office spokesman made a similar statement for the Anglo-Soviet pact.

Russia, however, is not likely to be impressed. The Soviet Foreign Ministry said on January 20 that the Atlantic Pact would "trample" the Soviet pacts with Britain and France. Western diplomats accept at face value another Soviet statement—that Russia must wage an even more vigorous struggle—but they do not believe Moscow wants war. Moscow, however, may be willing to risk it. There lies the danger.—United Press.

ATLANTIC COUNCIL NEXT STEP

Ottawa, March 18.

Steps to organise the Atlantic Council provided in the Atlantic security pact may be taken as soon as the pact is signed in the first week of April, a Government source said today.

He explained that such steps will be taken by the Foreign Ministers who signed the pact. The source said the Council will consist of only one member from each of the signing powers and all members will have equal voting rights.

He declared: "It will be a Council which big powers will not dominate." He added that, in fact, if events require, it will be a Council in which the smaller powers will have the opportunity to tell the bigger powers that certain big-power policies are rash and provocative.

He also stressed that the Council will be a consultative and deliberative body rather than a law-making organisation.

The Council will not be able to instruct any individual state on the measures it should take.—United Press.

CARDINAL'S CASE BEFORE UN

Lake Success, March 19.

Bolivia has placed the case of Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Primate recently sentenced to life imprisonment, on the agenda of the coming meeting of the United Nations General Assembly as a violation of Human Rights.

The case was submitted under the terms of Paragraph III of Article I of the U.N. Charter, which states that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.—Reuter.

TREATY WILL BE RATIFIED

Washington, March 18.

Leading Democratic and Republican Senators today strongly indicated that the North Atlantic treaty will be ratified by the Senate.

The outlook appears to be favourable for the ratification of the treaty which represents the United States' most sweeping peacetime commitment.

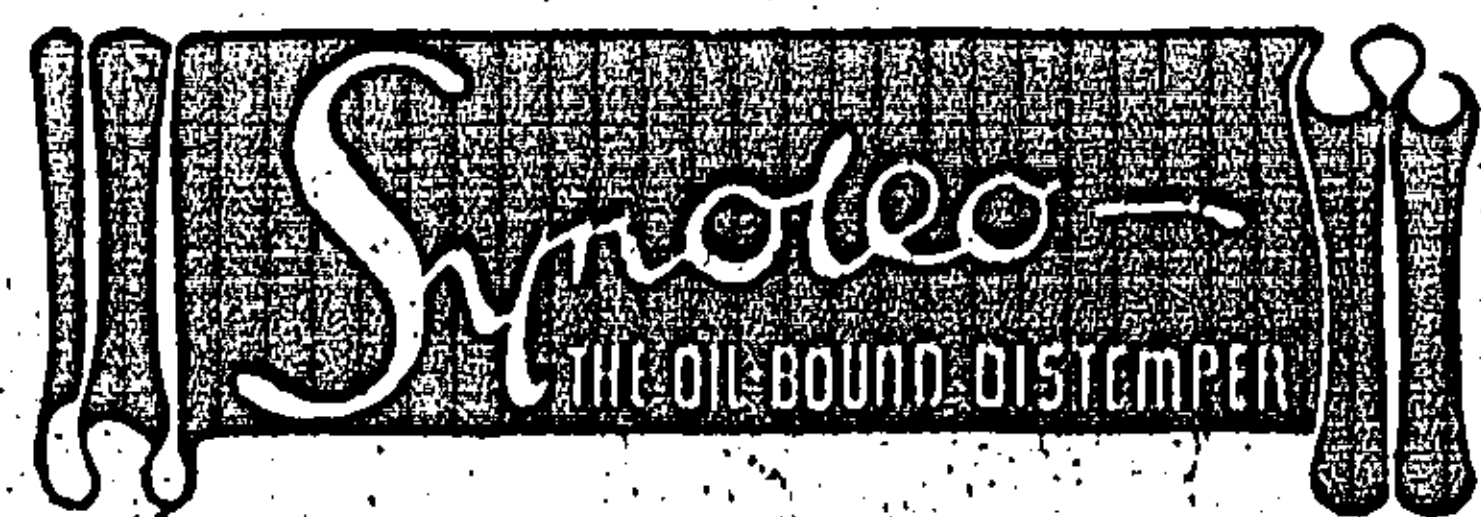
At the same time, leaders of the Foreign Relations and Appropriations Committees said they will want to know first how much it is going to cost.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the pact will be promptly ratified after thorough hearings and debate.

Chairman Kenneth McKellar of the Senate Appropriations Committee said he will insist on full information on how much it will cost the United States in military aid for the treaty signers.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas said: "I am for the pact. I think it is going to be eminently necessary in the near future. I am convinced that as soon as Russia gets an atomic bomb the war is on anyway."

Senator Styles Bridges, ranking Republican member of the Appropriations Committee, said: "The people should know the full picture of what the treaty commitments mean."—United Press.



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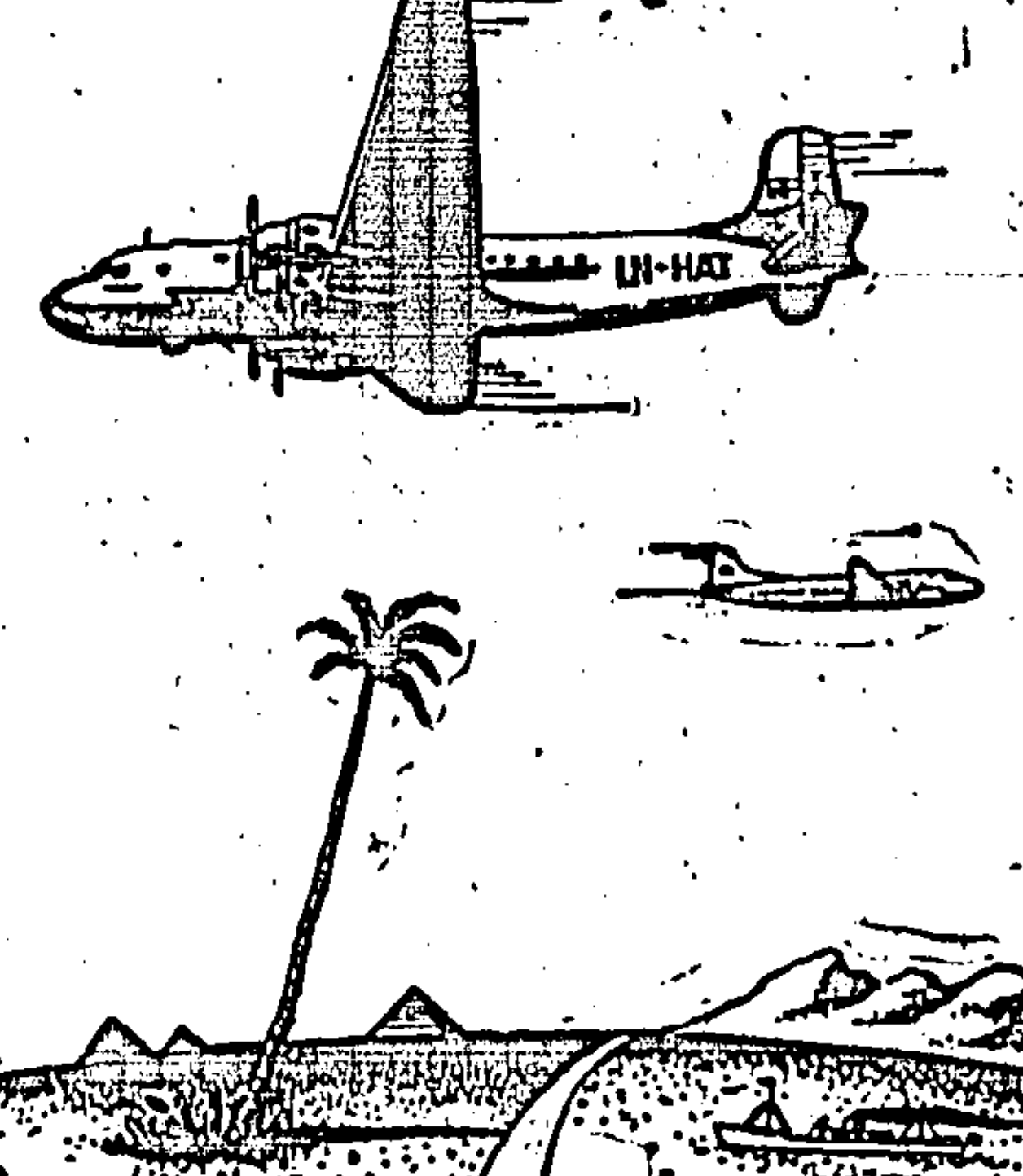
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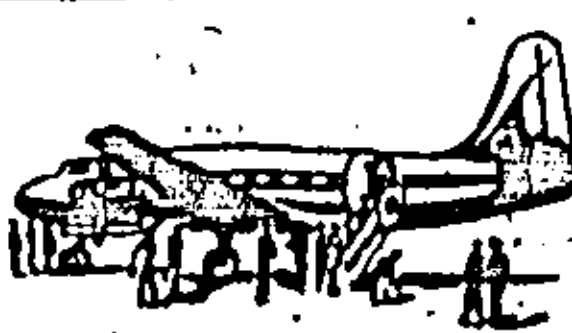
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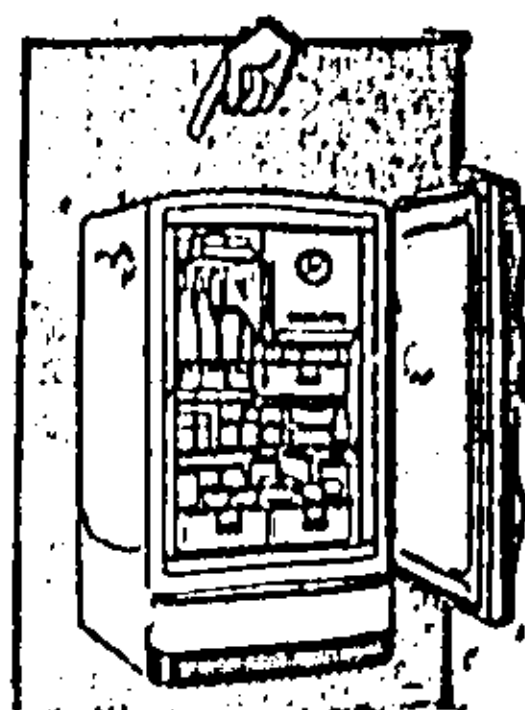
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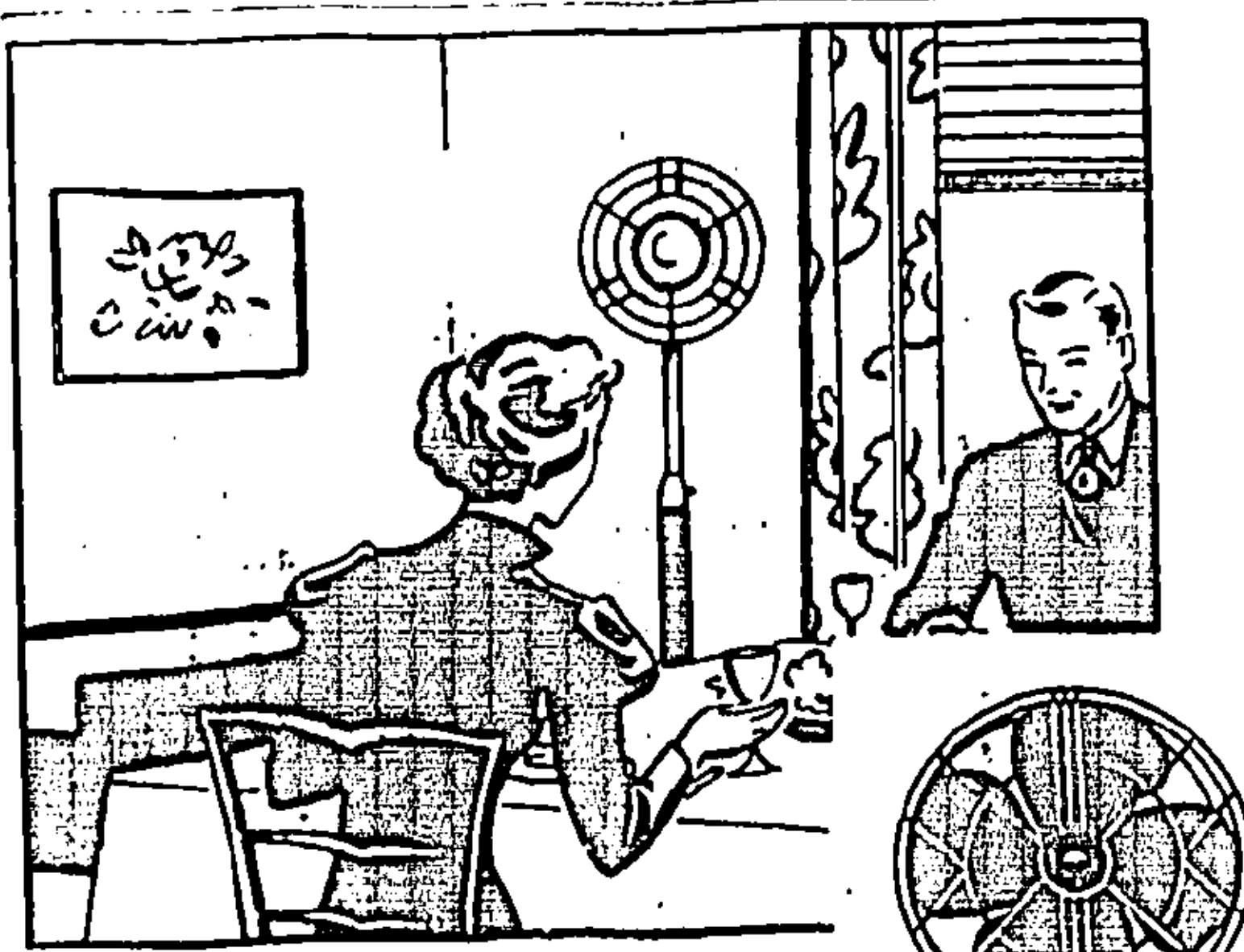


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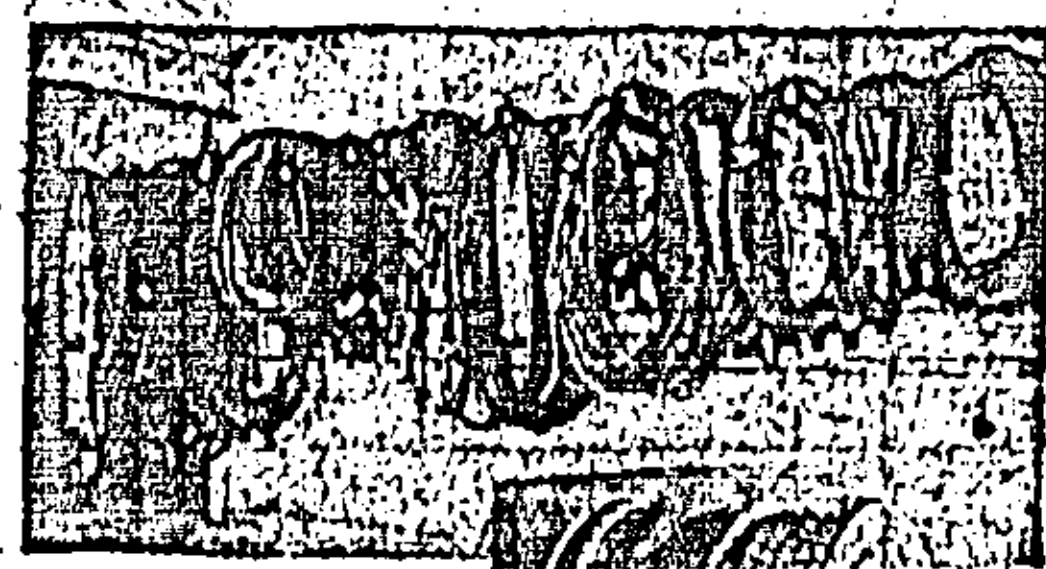


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BRITAIN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Britain's national health service, which offers medical care to every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom, has now been in operation for eight months. There was a certain amount of friction between doctors and Government before the introduction of the service; but it has now received the support of the vast majority of the medical profession and been used and welcomed by all classes of the general public to an extent even beyond expectation. This is a tremendous achievement.

The national health service passed into law in November, 1946, with the blessing of all political parties. This was followed by a full public discussion and negotiations between the Minister of Health and the medical profession—not without dust and heat. Adjustments to meet medical opinion were made and the Act came into operation on July 5, 1948, as an agreed measure.

The extensive public discussion did good work in educating people to a real understanding of the service, and no doubt this is one reason why it started working so smoothly.

The service includes advice and treatment at home, at a clinic or, if necessary, in hospital. Every member of the public who wishes to take part in the scheme is at liberty to do so, and there is no qualification or waiting period. The public response to the new scheme has been remarkable. About 42,000,000 people in England and Wales alone, from all income groups, and including members of the Royal Family, signed on for the health service—that is, between 95 per cent. and 98 per cent. of the population.

Free To All

The essential point is that all treatment is free of cost to the patient at the time of need. This covers the cost of medical and surgical appliances. In the first six months doctors in private practice prescribed 75 million medicines or appliances. In the first three months, 5,000 of the most modern and scientific hearing aids were distributed to deaf people.

There was a great rush to take advantage of the plan for testing eyes and providing spectacles free of charge. This is not surprising, for it is estimated that out of a population of nearly 6,000,000 old people, about 5,250,000 need to wear spectacles for reading. Before the introduction of the health service, nearly 900,000 old people who wore glasses had never their sight tested, and nearly 2,000,000 had not been tested for five years. From July to the end of December, 1948, 2,500,000 people had their sight tested and 3,000,000 pairs of glasses were supplied or put on order.

In dentistry a free service was created with free choice of den-

tal surgeon, and the free provision of dentures. During the first six months of the service 2,200,000 patients were treated and a further 1,200,000 are still receiving treatment at the present time.

The provision of hospital care is comprehensive, covering mental as well as physical disorder and gradually making arrangements for the aged and chronic sick, and convalescents.

The response of doctors to the scheme has been most encouraging. Out of a total of 21,000 general practitioners, 19,105 have come into the scheme, and an even higher proportion of consultant physicians and surgeons of all specialties who work in the national hospital service. Out of about 10,000 dentists in general practice, 8,988 are now working in the service. Virtually all the chemists and opticians have also joined on their particular side.

Some Regrets

Needless to say, some doctors regret the vanished days. The medical profession has to take the lead in a battle for the nation's health, and men and women are misgivings here, and some hos-

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tility there, but the great majority are determined to work with all their might to mould the new service to the needs of their patients, and to the true interests of medical progress. The doctors themselves have been given positions of vantage at all points in the new service and will have more responsibility for planning than they have ever had before.

From the point of view of the people, here is no dictatorship about this programme of medical care: much of the administrative work in the day-to-day running of the 2,937 hospitals and 531 clinics in the service is being undertaken by committees of voluntary helpers in all parts of the country. It is the biggest voluntary scheme ever introduced; localised, democratic control in medical planning means that the people of Britain and their doctors are tackling their health problems together on the spot.

The scheme is no charity. The citizens pay the greater part of the cost out of taxes and rates. In the first nine months of operation—from July 1948 to the end of March 1949—it is estimated that the expenditure on the service in England and Wales will total about £180,000,000. Nearly £4,000,000 from the National Insurance Fund and for certain other financial adjustments, it is estimated that the net cost to the tax-payer will be about £132,000,000 for the first nine months.

There is no compulsion to make use of the service: each citizen can decide for himself whether or not he wishes to join in; if he wishes to pay for medical service privately either in part or in whole he may do much.

He can engage and pay his family physician privately; he can pay for consultant services and private hospital care. No doctor is obliged to work in the service and any doctor who works under the scheme may decide to carry on a privately paid practice as well as his publicly paid duties.

Before this scheme came into operation the fear of illness, and of the financial burdens it imposed, were to many a source of grave anxiety. Now, in an age of anxieties, at least a major one has been removed—the worry of the overwhelming cost of sickness in the family.

It was prophesied, before the scheme came into operation, that doctors would be deluged by a flood of hypochondriacs eager for entertainment at the expense of the new free service. These dismal prophecies have not been fulfilled; people have better things to do in their spare time than hanging around hospitals and doctors' surgeries.

It is true that the family physicians are harder worked than ever, but that is because the removal of financial obstacles has revealed much real need for the doctor's help which previously went unserved.

Overwork of the physician in crowded town areas is probably inevitable in the early years of the scheme; it is an essential part of Britain's health plan to train more doctors to meet the new demands and to encourage and assist them to settle where the need is greatest.

A common criticism of Britain's new health scheme has been its timing. It is said that it has been introduced in too great a hurry to a whole series of reforms, at a moment of acute shortages over the whole medical field—shortages of family physicians and consultants and of nurses—and at a time of great difficulty in the nation's economic life. Certainly these shortages exist and limit the possible speed of development of the new facilities; certainly for years to come there will be glaring defects in the scheme.

Yet without adding one doctor or nurse to the total, without laying one brick upon another, the planned national health scheme will make possible a more economical and better use of existing facilities. Too often in the past hospitals, local public schemes of medical care, and family physicians were isolated from each other; there was overlapping; sometimes they even worked in opposition. Now all will fit themselves into a pattern best suited to provide medical care for the people of their area. There resources are limited it is all the more necessary to make sure that they are used to the best advantage.

The Man Who Put The Russians On Trial

For nearly six weeks Victor Kravchenko, the Russian, ex-labourer who broke away from an official Soviet Mission to Washington and wrote an anti-Soviet book here, against the top brains of Soviet Russia.

And it looks as if "Krav"—as he is known to almost everyone in the court—is winning. The Kravchenko trial began as an ordinary libel action brought by Krav against a small Paris Communist weekly which alleged that he was not the real author of the book "I Chose Freedom," that the contents were not factual, and that his moral character was not of the best.

It has since developed into a stand-up fight between Krav and the Kremlin. On the Kremlin's orders witnesses from Moscow and people who sympathize with the Communist cause have marched into court and, in machine-like fashion, accused Krav of being an inefficient little mechanic who posed as a factory director, a traitor, drunkard, thief, liar, "abject creature," wife-beater, child-hater, Fascist, deserter, office boy, and secret agent of the United States.

Expert View

After about 70 hours of this highly organised name-calling legal experts, summing up the mass of evidence, are convinced that the court will give judgment for Krav and against the Kremlin.

Whether or not he succeeds in making the Communists pay heavy damages, Krav can claim to be the first man to succeed in forcing the propaganda chiefs of Moscow on the defensive.

It was Krav himself who hit on the idea of appealing to Russians who had fled to Western Europe from the Communist terror to come and testify for him.

More than 5,000 refugees from the Soviet answered his call and he is getting letters in from others daily.

He chose a small but effective group of witnesses, some of whom came from the places written about in his book.

Close-Up

Their simple, straightforward versions of what they have seen in Russia have torn a hole in the Iron Curtain.

They have taken the court into the torture chambers, the terror tribunals, the Siberian camps, and the Moscow dungeons. And the court has been horrified. The Kremlin has publicly and privately threatened Kravchenko's witnesses. Privately, it has warned them of reprisals. Publicly, it has asked the French Government to arrest the three star witnesses and hand them over for trial as war criminals in Russia.

The witnesses have ignored the threats and have told the court all they know. Their evidence of Soviet terror is much more convincing than the Kravchenko book. The Continental papers are daily devoting whole pages to it. French editors look upon it as the most readable anti-Communist propaganda turned out since the war.

Kravchenko himself is a difficult man to size up. The Kremlin, through its witnesses at the trial and its propaganda journals, has frantically tried to prove that he is virtually a half-wit incapable of putting down the observations contained in the book.

His extemporaneous speeches during the hearing indicate he knows how to observe and is perfectly articulate. The opinion of legal experts is that whether chunks of his book

were or were not ghosted is a comparatively minor point in view of the fact that he has been able to prove that it is based substantially on his own experiences.

But one thing is indisputable—Krav is proving himself a courageous and tenacious fighter. When he sued the Paris Communist weekly for libelling him he was warned that if he came to Paris to fight the case he ran the risk of being assassinated. "I must go over and run the case myself," he said, "whatever the risks."

He does not intend to scurry back to the comparative safety of Manhattan after the trial. He has planned an extensive tour round most of the countries of Europe.

By
Walter Farr

He has even said he is willing to go to Finland regardless of the fact that the Iron Curtain dangles over Helsinki.

He is preparing to make speeches about life in Russia. He is under a heavy nervous strain, suffering from a stomach ulcer, and wearing himself out by working 15 to 20 hours a day on the case.

Yet in court he keeps springing up like a jack-in-the-box, his eyes blazing and shooting furiously from side to side, the muscles of his face twitching violently, and his left index finger jabbing the air, usually in the direction of the puny little Communist editor and publisher of the accused weekly, Messrs. Wurmser and Morjan.

The torrent of abuse he has poured out in Russian on these two uncomfortable-looking little men, is quite remarkable. One satisfaction he has is that Wurmser speaks enough Russian to understand his abusing.

Krav is the result of his lawyers. As he does not speak French and they can't speak Russian they struggle to make him understand in halting English. "Sit you down," "Keep quiet!" shouts Maître Izard, his chief counsel. "No answer that!"

Often all three of his lawyers catch hold of his sleeve and his coat-tails to hold him down, but he breaks away from them like a wild animal charging his prey. His fits of fury have served a purpose, however. They have jured the Soviet witnesses out of their machine-like poses and made them reveal themselves.

It was a policeman who has sat in court all through the Kravchenko trial who told me: "I have never bothered to find out much about Communism. It is rather boring usually to read about it. But listening to these people from Moscow and to the French Communists who have come here has convinced me that Communism gets a stronger hold over people than I ever thought possible."

"I wonder how we can hope to root it out of Europe without a war."

Men Who Wait

The policeman is voicing the fears of the million of Continentals who are reading and re-reading the verbatim accounts of the Kravchenko trial.

How many more people are there behind the Iron Curtain willing to "do a Kravchenko"?

Krav himself says there is a vast army of them. "They are not lucky enough to get the chance to escape that I had," he says. But he adds: "Their chance will come."

Marooned Alone In Ice Trap

By GRAHAM STANFORD

For nearly four months five Englishmen lived huddled together under canvas, marooned on the fringes of the Antarctic continent. Fire had destroyed their wooden base hut; had caused the death of two of their colleagues who lay buried outside beneath deep drifts of snow.

For days they were trapped inside their tents by blizzards and 80 mph gales. Eventually they were relieved by the British survey ship the John Biscoe, after she had made six attempts to break through the ice-pack.

The story was told by one of the survivors, 37-year-old John L. O'Hare, of Maldon, Essex, who has flown back to London to report to the Colonial Office. O'Hare and three other members of the survey returned to their base in North Eastern Graham Land after a sledge trip to find the base hut burned down. Nearby was an empty tent, unoccupied, frozen up.

Stark News

When they opened up the tent they found a message written by Dr. J. L. Sladen, of Esher, Surrey, another member of the survey. It was simple: as stark as the icy surroundings. It said that the hut had caught fire; that two other members of the survey had lost their lives; that he was the only survivor.

The reader of the party, Mr. F. K. Elliott, of Clevedon, Somerset, said: "I'll go and find him." He knew where the doctor was likely to be working. In the penguin rookery where he spent hours of his time, carried out much research.

The doctor was very pale; he could not keep the tremble from his voice. "Thank God you've come back," he said. "It seemed a very long time."

It was 17 long days and nights. "No one knows what the doctor went through," said O'Hare. "It was sheer stoicism and he deserves the highest commendation. His nerve never broke. That night we all decided not to discuss the matter."

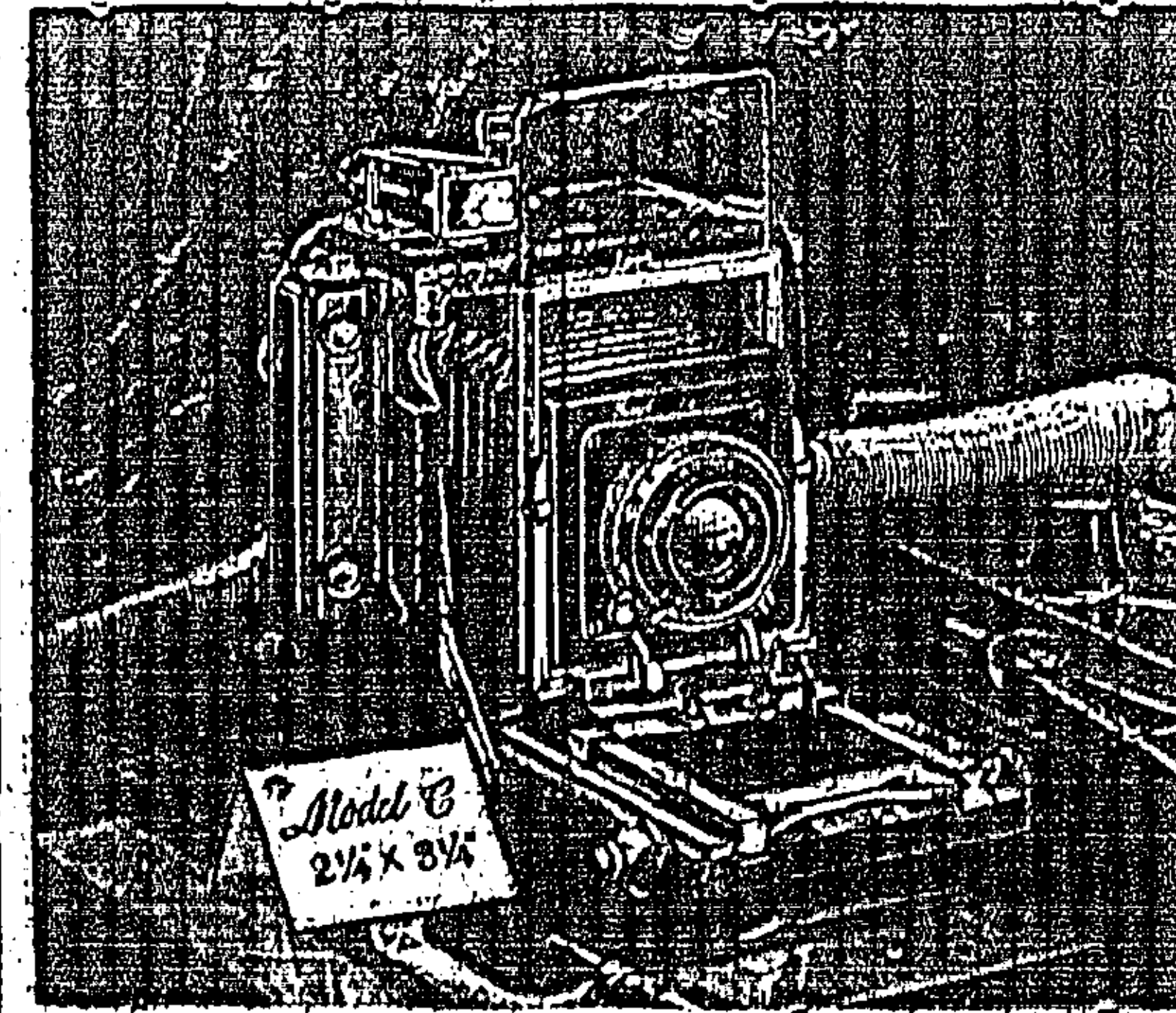
On the following morning the five men pitched their tents within a 25 yards' radius, and made a stand for the huskies on the ice-cliff by the desolate seashore. Their only contact with the outside world was by radio. They had four months to wait before they could hope for relief: four months of snow and gales and darkness.

It was extraordinary how easily we got along together. No odours, no temperamental squabbles, no getting on one another's nerves.

"If necessary we had enough supplies to last another year, but we never really doubted that the ship would get by radio. They were pretty quick. But I'll never forget the day the John Biscoe arrived."

"And I'll never forget how the doctor stood up to everything. He went through hell, but he made no fuss."

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LONDON'S GRANT TO HONG KONG

London, March 18.
A grant in aid of £1,150,000 to Hong Kong is the main increase in Colonial Services revealed in London today.

The sum is part of the Civil Estimates, which show that Britain's foreign and Imperial services are expected to cost the country £51,675,938.

The British Commonwealth Services call for £2,080,550, compared with £3,224,223 in the previous estimates, a decrease largely accounted for by a drop of £580,000 in compensation to members of the Indian Services for premature termination of services.

Assistance for European British subjects leaving India or Pakistan is expected to cost £45,600 in the next financial year, compared with £103,000 in the closing year.

The second largest increase is for North Borneo with £1,002,293, compared with £250,000 last year.—Reuter.

Rumanian Ban On Zionists

Tel Aviv, March 18.

The offices of the American joint distribution committee in Rumania have been closed by a decree of the Rumanian Government in its all-out action against the Zionist movement in Rumania.

The Israeli legation in Bucharest, in the course of a few weeks, tens of thousands of applications by Jews to emigrate to Israel and about 3,000 applications were received daily at the Legation in Bucharest by post.

The Bucharest Post Office was compelled to make a daily delivery of post to the Israeli delegation in special cars.

But the Rumanian Government

Acheson Explains The Atlantic Pact

Washington, March 18.

In a nationwide broadcast, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said the North Atlantic pact powers have banded together in a mutual defence pact to prevent Russia picking them off one by one.

Mr. Acheson emphasised that the United States is not planning to make war on anyone.

He warned the Soviet Union that his country is equally determined not to let the free nations of the world remain weak and divided, targets for Communist aggression.

Mr. Acheson stated the United States policy this way: "This country is not planning to make war against anyone. It is not seeking war. Its policies are devised with the specific aim of bridging by peaceful means the tremendous differences which beset international society at the present time."

He then added: "Russian charges that the pact is an aggressive conspiracy to start a new war are nothing but crude lies."

"The strategem of the aggressor is to keep his intended victims divided," stressed Mr. Acheson. "Then they can be picked off one by one without arousing unified resistance."

"We, and the free nations of Europe, are determined that history shall not repeat itself in that melancholy particular way."

Essential Measure

The Secretary said the pact does not automatically commit the United States to go to war if a signatory is attacked, but it is a "very important" step in the direction of a calculated and planned attack. "I should not suppose we would decide that any action other than the use of armed force would be sufficient to restore peace and security."

"We expect to ask Congress to supply our European partners with the means to carry out their changed policy of favouring immigration to Israel and has refused 400,000 Rumanian Jews permission to go there.—Associated Press.

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RENEWED VIOLENCE IN ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

Rome, March 18.

Americans 'Ready For Anything'

San Bernardino, California, March 18.
Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, said today that the U.S. fleet is ready to cope with any situation.

He told newsmen: "I feel that the armed services, particularly the Navy, are supreme in the air, on the water and beneath the water."

"Tests in launching planes carrying atomic bombs from carriers have been highly successful. Particular emphasis is being paid to the construction of submarines and to anti-sub warfare."—Associated Press.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies today approved Italy joining the North Atlantic Alliance after 48 hours of bitter nonstop debate, punctuated by fist fights and fierce arguments between Communist and non-Communist deputies.

The vote—342 to 170 with 19 abstentions—was immediately followed by a new fracas on the floor of the Chamber, and sirens were sounded to clear the galleries.

The fight lasted 10 minutes. Deputies broke up desks and chairs as weapons for another bloody battle on the floor of the Chamber, which became a mass of kicking, punching, struggling men in the fiercest free-for-all seen in the Chamber within living memory.

The fight climaxed hours of bitter debate on the pact, which had several times been punctuated by pitched battles among the deputies.

Utters finally restored order and escorted the deputies with bleeding noses and black eyes to the emergency first-aid post.

The fight started when the vote on joining the pact was announced to cheering majority supporters.

Before the final vote today, weary, red-eyed deputies had defeated by a show of hands the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti's, motion that no foreign government be allowed to organise any military bases whatever on Italian territory.

Socialist Call

Police "stood up" throughout the country during the night as a precaution against unrest and rioting, already reported from Milan, Terni, Florence, Bari, Parma, Modena and Canosa.

Communists and left wing Socialists are preparing to carry their all-out fight against the pact to the Senate, where a debate is expected on Monday.

The most overworked man during the marathon Chamber debate was the official barber, who closed his shop through

alarms is that recent technical developments have rendered the submarine more formidable than ever before.

Escorts Too Slow?

It may be that these developments have contributed to the shortage by making many of our war-time escorts too slow for future anti-submarine work.

But if so, why have they not been replaced by other and faster vessels? That would admittedly cost money. But we are spending a lot of money, and the principle of "first things first" surely requires that the safeguarding of our food supply should head the priority list. Artificial teeth will be of little use if there is nothing coming in to bite with them.

This is a matter which should interest the National Union of Seamen especially. There were 15,000 merchant officers and men lost in the 1914 war, mostly by submarine attack.

Future Of The Royal Navy

By Captain Russell Grenfell, RN

The other day Lord Hall told the House of Lords that the Royal Navy was ready for any emergency.

I hope he is right; but I cannot help feeling doubtful about it. I do not see how the Navy can be in a condition to deal with submarine attack.

Look at the figures that Lord Hall himself has given of our available anti-submarine vessels, destroyers and frigates.

The number is 291, including those in reserve.

From figures published by the post-1918 Liberal-Conservative Governments, who thought it more important to inform their own people than to deceive the foreigner (who, anyway, has his own methods of finding out), it could be worked out that we were employing about 400 escort vessels in the first world war to protect our shipping.

Desperately Short

In the infatuated inter-war period we allowed the number of vessels available for this duty to drop to about 170.

The result was that we entered the 1939 war desperately short.

The fearful losses of shipping tonnage and merchant crews that occurred in the first three and a half years of the war were the direct consequence.

The First Lord's figures show that the position is little better now. Whereas we were about 250 vessels short in 1939, we are about 200 short today.

How does such a situation as this arise? Very simply. After every war British Governments invariably turn their backs on the lessons of the war and declare that the Service Departments must be content with so much money.

On that money the departments are told they must make the Empire safe.

What do the Service Departments do? Just what you or I would do in the same circumstances. They set to work to convince themselves that 5 equals 10. Every war since navies started has demonstrated that the best way to protect shipping is to put it in convoy and provide escorts.

This way, however, demands a so-called offensive policy, whereby hunting craft rush about looking for the trade attackers. Under this latter system the number of hunting craft required is a

matter of guesswork, which enables the Admiralty to say that the five which is all they can get are equal to the ten they really need.

The somewhat important drawback is that the hunting or hot-pursuit system hardly ever works, and we should have lost the 1914 war had we not abandoned it, at the instance of Mr. Lloyd George, in favour of convoy in 1917.

Hot-Pursuit Plan

However, under heavy Treasury pressure after the Armistice of 1918 the Admiralty began to go back to the hot-pursuit theory in self-defence.

By 1937, and although the escort shortage was then over 200, a Government spokesman publicly declared that the submarine was "no longer a menace to the British Empire."

The outbreak of war two years later showed how dreadfully wrong he was. By 1940 we were bawling away bits of the Empire to obtain the convoy escorts we failed to maintain before the war.

The hot-pursuit policy was being again tried, but again was having little success.

Believe it or not, there were cases of destroyers being sent 500 miles to find a reported submarine, which, of course, was about 300 miles somewhere else by the time they had reached the spot.

There are now disturbing rumours of the hot-pursuit idea returning to favour with the Naval Staff. If this is so, it is the surest confirmation that Lord Hall's figures indicate a serious shortage of escort ships.

And what makes the possibility of such a shortage particularly

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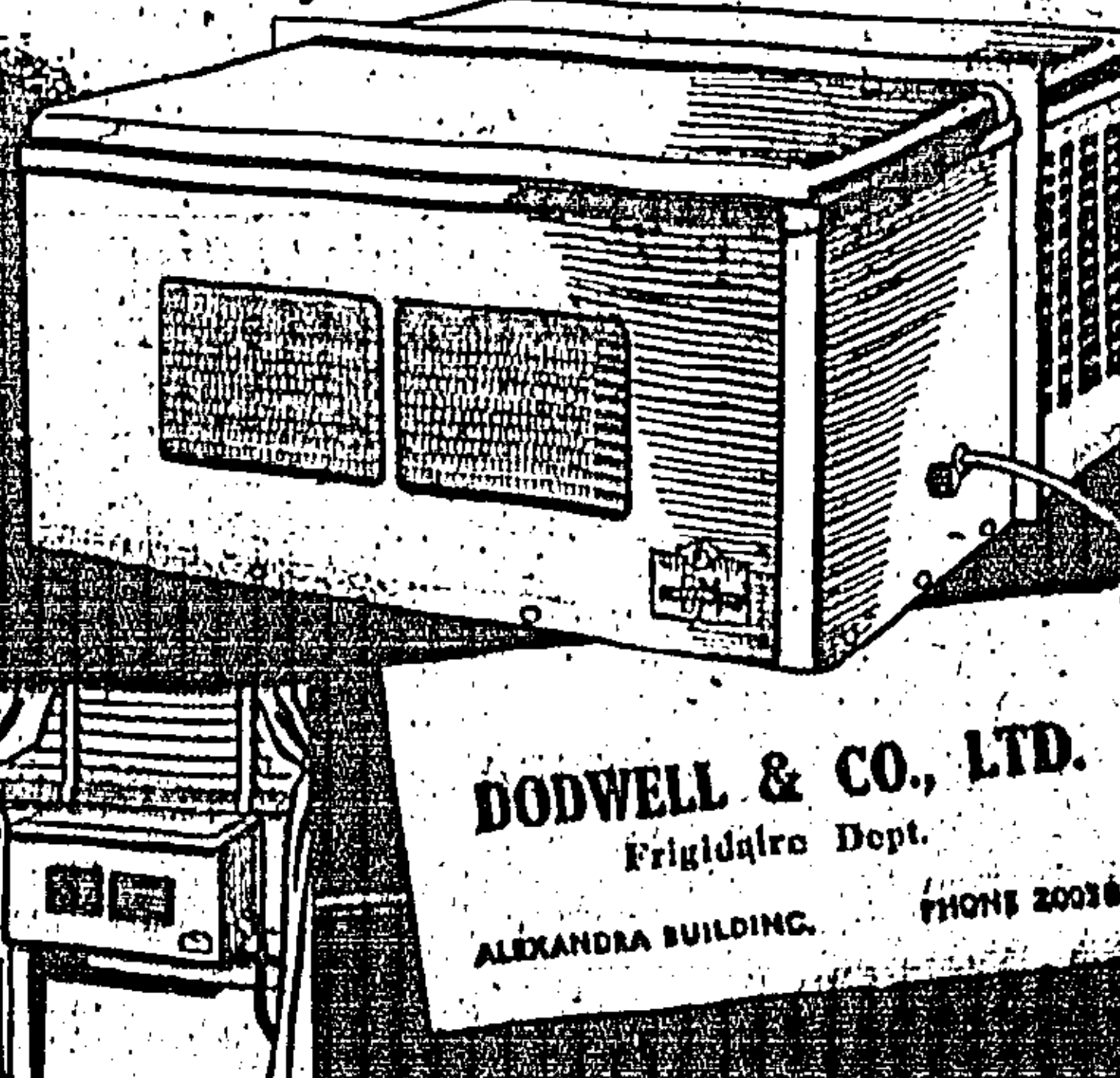
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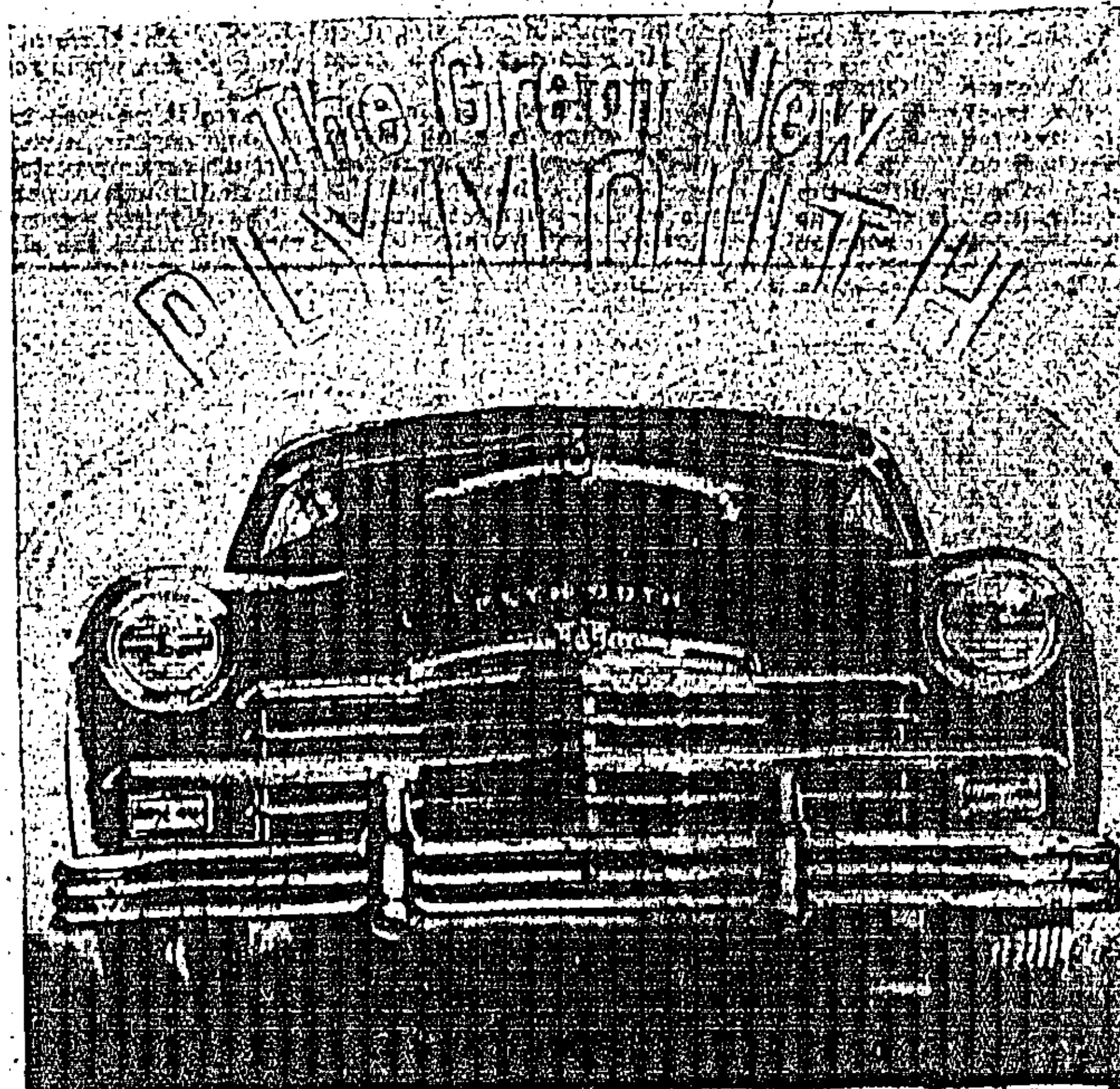
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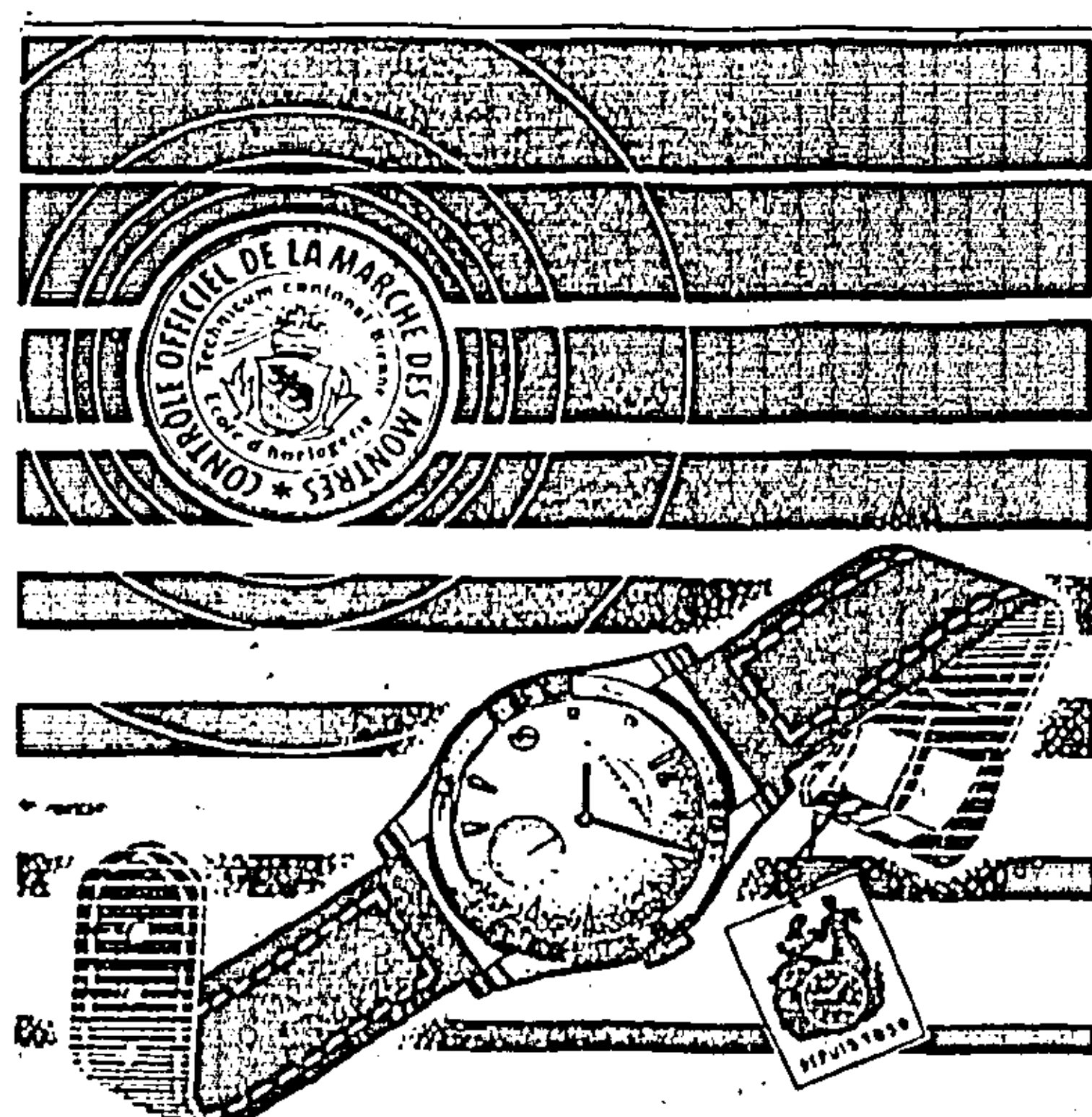
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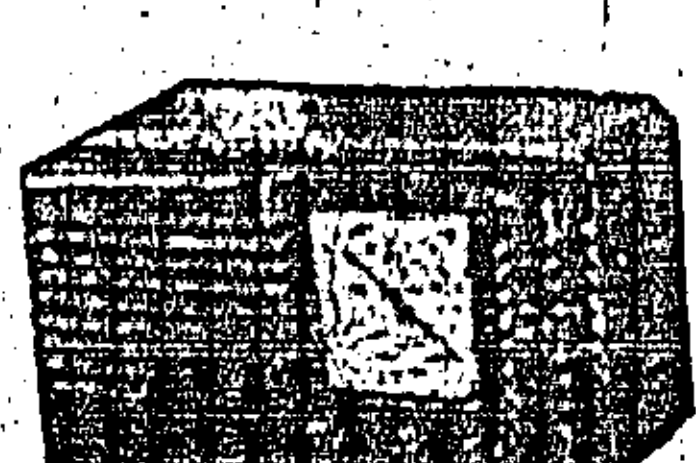
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SIMPLE TRUTH ABOUT THE ATOM

BY JOHN RALPH

Developments which may alter our whole future are daily taking place in British laboratories. After consultations with the experts JOHN RALPH gives this Progress Report.

What is the truth about the uses of atomic energy in peace? What, just what, is going on behind the scenes in the research laboratories which may transform our lives far more drastically than any Acts of Parliament or new forms of Government?

I have been seeking the answer to this question at one of our atomic research laboratories. I went to Birmingham University, where Professor M. L. E. Oliphant and Professor R. E. Peierls and their team of scientists are carrying on research which may transform our way of life in the space of 20 or perhaps 15 years. Here, as I saw it, is the plain truth on the prospects of atomic energy.

Apart from the bomb and other atomic weapons research is being developed into three main channels: 1. Medicine; 2. Industry; 3. Agriculture.

Medical Research Is Forging Further Ahead

Perhaps the most remarkable strides are being made in medical research. The prospect of sensational cures in such diseases as cancer is not so likely as the prospect of finding out exactly how the body functions and how disease may be prevented.

This is revolutionary, for it means that doctors in the future will be able to concentrate on keeping us free from disease rather than concentrating on curative surgery and the use of medicine.

In a score of more laboratories throughout the country the "tracer" is at work. This is the device which is daily teaching our doctors new things on the functions of the body.

Radioactive Substances Are Already In Use

The "tracer" is a by-product in the development of atomic energy. It is a radioactive substance which can be induced into foods. Thereafter, by means of the geiger counter, the progress of the food and its use by various parts of the body can be traced.

In this way the exact functions of the body may soon be known to medical science within the space of two or three years.

Thereafter—that is, as far as treatment of diseases is concerned—radioactive substances are already being applied in medical research.

Radioactive iodine, for example, can be used in the treatment of the goitre. The radioactive substance can be traced in its course to the thyroid gland the function of the thyroid observed. Moreover the radioactivity is in itself beneficial in treating the goitre.

In cancer cases the use of atomic by-products whether radioactive or inactive may prove more effective than present forms of treatment and less uncomfortable to the patient and less dangerous to the doctor or radio-therapist.

But, Professor Oliphant stresses, the treatment aspect of atomic by-products should not be emphasised.

In the field of agriculture the "tracer" technique is also at work with the geiger counter

following its processes in much the same way as the mine detector can trace metal in the earth.

Plant life is dependent on carbon dioxide and sunlight and food sources from the earth. The great mystery that has for ever puzzled man is how these natural resources are translated by the plant into fibres, wood and juices, such as sugar.

Radioactive carbon in carbon-dioxide is beginning to show just how the plant does it, and a great new discovery is at the threshold of civilisation.

There was a recent case of hysteria among a certain section of animals in a research laboratory. The mystery was why this section had suffered when the others were perfectly normal.

Research discovered that the hysterical animals had been eating food made from a chemically-whitened flour, which was pleasing to the eye and to the baker because of its "rising" qualities.

Human beings were able to eat this food without obvious ill effects, the question is what effects does such a food have which are less immediate and less obvious?

And what about other manufactured foods. The "tracer" principle can usually give the answers where chemical analysis fails.

There Is No Limit To The Future Prospects

The world is faced with a growing food shortage. Can the atom scientists find a solution? The answer is—immediately. But future prospects are illimitable and neither Oliphant nor any of his team would go further than that.

And what of atomic POWER? Already the Americans are experimenting with an atomically-powered ship.

The tremendous heat from an atomic pile replaces furnaces. An atomic pile built into a vessel would easily outlast the life of the ship. But it would require considerable protective devices for the safety of crew and passengers from radiations.

The atom ship is on its way. Later the atom train and the atom aircraft may follow. But talk of the atomic-driven car is within modern scientific knowledge sheer nonsense.

Coal Will Be Replaced —As Energy For Industry

There is one atomic power pile operating experimentally at Harwell. It is known as GLEEP. It is small and used purely as a basis for fundamental research.

In a few months a second and larger pile will be operating. Already it is known as Bepo. From it will come the beginning of atomic power for industry.

A vital factor will be that atomic energy may replace coal as the source of power of industry. But by no means will coal or the miners become redundant.

Coal has properties so valuable to life that it has long been recognised that it is a crime to pour it into furnaces.

With the advent of atomic power coal can be put to its proper use in providing plastics, dyes, edible fats and oils and a great part of our food.

That, I believe, is a fair picture of what is going on in our atomic research laboratories. From them I have had a glimpse of the brightest prospect of a bright new world.

THE FLOATING FRANC HAS A NEW TRICK

It's quite a trick in the bars off the Champs Elysees. The barman takes a glass of water, floats in it a cigarette paper, then puts a one-franc piece on top.

Five seconds later the cigarette paper is saturated; the barman lifts it out. The franc coin stays floating on the surface.

"There you are, boys," he says. "That's what your money's worth. Quel, n'est-ce? Champagne?"

For four years the floating franc gag has drawn appreciative grins from the aperitif sippers and the brandy-and-water spivs. The new French aristocracy of BOFs, (beurre, oeufs, fromage—merchants who have spun inflation back to since 1944) have snorted cynically and walked out to buy another diamond ring that no Government could get to float, even in a tub of champagne.

Spiv's Grin Has Vanished

Every so often somebody has thrown up his hands, exclaimed at the oncoming "disaster," started a passionate argument blaming it all on the state of the fish trade or the fall of the monarchy.

Suddenly, in the last 21 days, things have happened to take the salt out of the barman's trick repertory and the grin from between the spiv's ears.

The floating franc has started what looks like a roaring inflation back to respect and respectability. And the entire population of France, expecting almost anything but this, is sitting up asking "what goes on?"

Some of the "experts" are giving strangled explanations that need a ready-reckoner to translate. Mysterious talk runs round about the Russians "pouring masses of gold on the market to embarrass the Marshall planners." The cynics leer and hint at "just another coup de Bourse"—another Stock Exchange manipulation to skin the credulous.

There's even talk of a £100,000,000 French loan being floated in London "with the guarantee that it will be subscribed in a few days."

Novel Wave Of Buoyancy

None of the snap explanations carries conviction. The startling climb of the franc, the massive gold sell-out, the sag in black-market rates for sterling and dollars, have been too strong and consistent.

France's little man is cautiously raising his head and scenting a distinctly novel wave of buoyancy, optimism and stability sweeping round the corner. For what in fact is happening is that Doctor Q's wonderful remedy is working.

By Stephen Coulter

When Doctor Henri Queuille, the timid little man with the high blood-pressure, stepped into the Premiership five months ago, the lobbies of France's House of Commons looked like a picnic party in a gnat swamp.

Dr. Q., however, has miraculously produced the psychological pill to restore the one thing the French needed—confidence.

The pill was the new five per cent State Loan launched a month ago. Only one other man—De Gaulle—has had the nerve to ask the French to sink their money in a Government loan since the war. And it flopped badly.

Queuille asked for £24,000,000 to help finance recovery. To date the French have lent him £104,000,000 and are still handing their money over the counter.

This smash-hit has, it seems, done the trick. Suddenly, in its wake, a whole string of other

events is slipping into a general chain reaction movement.

For four years a parade of now French Premiers has tried vainly to work up what they called an "climat de business"—a price-cut atmosphere. They tried caloric, controls, persuasion and police. Old Leon Blum even issued a Government Decree ordering everybody to cut prices by five per cent overnight.

Every time, the French winked and took it as another nasty Government joke.

"We know a genuine baisse when we see one," they said. "This is more like a bouillabaisse" (the South of France fish soup that often looks like a drowned golosh). Sure enough, prices soared afresh.

But Queuille has needed no artificialities. Suddenly la baisse—the genuine price-cut—is here. Agricultural prices are skidding; wholesale prices of vegetables, eggs, wine, meat are down all over the country.

Buying Spree Stopped

The results of abundant harvests, the rebuilding of livestock herds, are being sharply felt. Farmers are leaving fields of carrots, turnips and so on as animal food because the price offered doesn't cover gathering and carting costs.

The shrewd patience of the Government's financial policy, a balanced Budget, big gains in industrial output, a political calm, with the Communists failing to work up new labour strife—all these, with the loan a success, have suddenly produced their cumulative effect.

Inflation, which has been haunting France since 1944, recedes. It's harder to raise an overdraft at the bank. Instead of throwing about francs they now dilly dally with less, the French have stopped their buying spree, are wanting cash in hand.

The latest development in the chain-reaction is a selling wave of gold unprecedented in recent French history. It has already knocked a quarter off the price of gold in four weeks.

Heavy Rush Of Gold Deals

Within the last 10 days dealers on the free gold markets in Paris and the provinces have scrambled to unload gold at an unheard-of rate.

In one Paris market session the price slumped 10 per cent in a few hours. So heavy was the rush of deals that closing hours had to be deferred. Gold francs were being offered at £2 apiece less than they fetched three weeks before.

Hardened dealers took big losses, black marketeers groaned as sterling and the dollar sagged and the franc regained strength.

A look at the market shows that one of the things happening is that a vast hoard of peasant gold is coming out of hiding from washing-tubs, old socks, mattresses, and holes in the kitchen floor all over the country.

The horny-handed French peasant, who traditionally turns over a 20 centime piece five times before spending it, has for years changed his banknotes into gold sovereigns, Napoleons, Swiss lous, and gold dollars, and stowed them away at home against such Government frauds as devaluations, note-blocking, etc.

Estimators have said there was three times more gold hoarded away than ever in circulation and many times more than all the gold stowed in the vaults of the Bank of France.

Now the peasant gold hoard is emerging. The "psychological shock" of the loan's success, the drop in agricultural prices, the consequent gain in the franc's buying power, the surprising strength of the Queuille Government, and the domestic political calm, are chasing away the calamity boggy.

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THE ATOM SPLASH WORRIES THE NAVY By TOM POCOCK

The Navy's boffins are losing more sleep over the atom bomb's big splash than its big bang.

Since the Arethusa experiment off the South Coast of Britain this summer—not against atomic blast, but against gamma rays.

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An atom bomb exploded in the air will throw its radio-active residue high into the stratosphere. But an atom bomb set to explode at 20 fathoms—will blow 1,000,000 tons of radio-active sea water into the air and drench a whole task force with "atomic mist."

Even if the warships suffered only superficial damage from blast, their crews would wilt and wither in a few days. In atomic slang, the ships would become "hot."

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Ships far from the explosion might remain hot for only a few months. But those at the heart of an explosion would remain hot for years.

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In the Bikini tests, 20 pigs were sheltered in the sick bays of four ships near the underwater bomb. None of these ships was sunk. Six of the pigs died from the shock of the explosion. The remaining 14 all died within a fortnight from gamma rays.

Is there any shield against this death ray?

At present it can only be stopped by thick buttresses of lead and concrete and water. For warships that is out of the question.

Ever since Bikini British and American scientists have searched desperately for a light ray-proof shield with which the hulls of warships could be lined.

British Hopes

It is doubtful whether they have been successful. One American suggested that crews of warships be "inoculated" by exposure to very weak gamma rays.

British scientists hope to make warships ray-proof just as they demagnetised ships against the magnetic mine. In the top-secret Arethusa experiment they hope to find the answer.

Meanwhile, the Royal Navy's defence against the atom bomb—quite passive. Hence the spurt in submarine and gas-turbine research.

At present submarines are virtually safe from the atom bomb. At last priority has been given to the development of gas-turbines which will enable smaller ships to carry heavier armament further and faster.

By dispersing the Fleet the Admiralty hopes to present small and scattered targets, few individually worthy of an atom bomb.

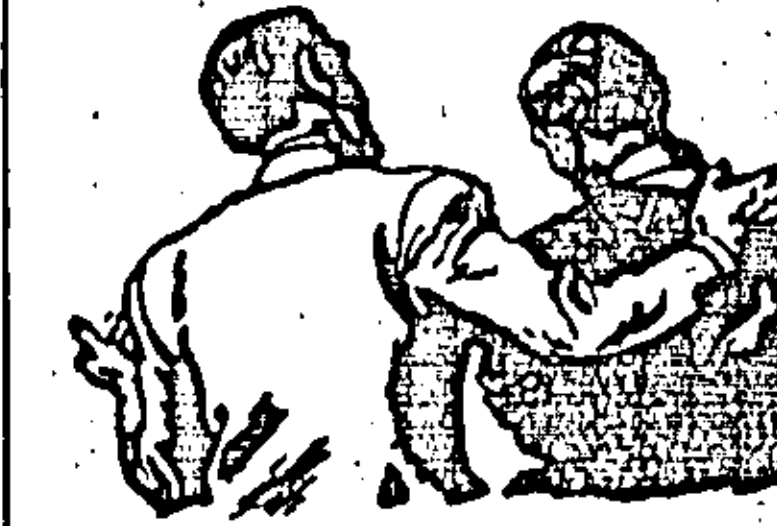


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Our Serial Story
MURDER FOR SALE
By Raoul Whitfield

"Let it come, Freddie," he said. "Don't worry about Timmer—he won't talk to the bulls. I'm shoving him out of Centre City—tonight."

Freedman saw something in Maxlin's eyes, and his own widened. He said very slowly:

"You're—the guy that says what Maxlin."

"Yeah," Maxlin agreed. "You were startin' to say something."

Freedman said slowly: "I ain't so sure of Don Vannie."

Maxlin's eyes got hard. "Vannie's a louse. He's workin' in the quiet clothes gang, but the coin isn't big enough. He's Bradwell's right-hand man. He's a killer. He got Cass and Red Bale."

Timmer said suddenly: "Jeeze—I got to get going, Guy. It's almost four. It'll be light pretty quick."

Maxlin's blue eyes got small. He smiled with lips that made a thin line.

"You move out first, Freddie," he said. "Slick where you're supposed to stick, but keep wising me up. I'll make it right with you. If there's a chance to put a frame on Sol Bradwell—"

The stoole nodded. "If I see it—you'll see it," he said.

At the door the stoole turned and looked at Timmer. The thin-necked one tried a smile. He said shakily:

"For God's sake, Freedman go out right."

Freedman's eyes met Maxlin's in a flashing glance. Then he looked at Timmer again.

"So long, Tim—" he said steadily. "I'm hoping you go out—the way I do."

Timmer went down the stairs to the narrow path that led from the rear of the frame house, through the yard cluttered with boxes. It was a winding path that eventually came to what appeared to be a dead end, near the next block. But it didn't come to a dead end. There were three ways of reaching the cobbles of the next street. They were narrow, devious ways.

Just behind him was Guy Maxlin. They moved in silence, slowly and carefully. Centre City was cold in the winter, and in this section of the city the citizens saved wood, collected it. The yard of No. 26 had a high wooden fence around it, but Maxlin had played safe. He'd had the boxes and crates brought in. They came in handy.

Timmer came to the spot where the main path ended. He had to bend down and go under boxes that formed a short tunnel. When he straightened up again he had to squeeze his way between piles of wood and crates. He had to turn a little sideways.

Guy Maxlin eased his big body between the wood, making a little scraping sound. The cobbles of the next block were some 30 feet away when he said very softly:

"Timmer!"

The thin-necked man's body stiffened at the tone. It was hard, sharp. There was a note of command in it. Timmer turned halfway around, his body bent low.

Maxlin had the gun in his hand—he gripped the lower portion of Timmer's coat, wrapped it around the muzzle. Timmer tried to twist loose—he said in a weak, tortured tone:

"For God's sake—Guy—"

Guy Maxlin shoved the muzzle against Timmer's left side. He squeezed the trigger twice. The Maxlin silencer killed the sound the first time—the wrapped cloth let out only a muffled sound on the second shot. Timmer's body stiffened—he tried to scream, failed. He relaxed and slipped to the dirt between the piles of wood.

Maxlin lifted the thin-necked, dead man in his arms and went along through the yard.

He breathed to himself: "Well—you were going all yellow, Tim. Jeeze—"

you would have squealed all over the place—"

He reached the cobbles of the next square, turned towards the river. A fog was coming in—many boats were using whistles. The street was deserted. Maxlin moved slowly towards White River. The tide was running out, fairly strong.

When Timmer's body was out of sight, Guy Maxlin sat on a rock for several minutes, breathing hard. The fog was cold and getting thicker all the time. After he got his breath back he replaced the empty shells in his pistol, fixed it right again, ready for action. Then he rose and went away from the river.

He thought: Timmer would have squealed if they'd grabbed him—but he won't squeal now. Cass and Rooney are out of things. That gun from Chil—Red Bale—he's dead. I took a licking—but it's a chance for a clean start. I've got Freedman stooling it for me, and I'll keep out of sight on the frame for the Grayber kill. Sol Bradwell did that job—and I've got to watch this louse Vannie.

When he got back to 26 Blue Street he got a bottle from a closet and took two good-sized shots of whiskey. He breathed hoarsely:

"I got to get sleep."

He went upstairs and into a bedroom. He wondered what time Sid Carr would come in. Anyway, things in the house were right. It had been more of a job getting Bale to the river than Timmer. But he'd had help for that job, and it had taken what had been left of Timmer's nerve.

Guy Maxlin thought of Mayor Kennell just before he fell asleep. He thought of Kennell grimly.

"He had—it comin'," he breathed heavily. "He was lettin' the burg—get soft—"

He was very tired, and he felt into a heavy sleep while he was thinking about Kennell—and Centre City.

CHAPTER FOUR

Gil Baggart, now acting-chief, sat across from the slender woman in black and watched her with his brown eyes half closed. Baggart was medium in height. His body relaxed very completely when he was seated. His Colt was holstered under his right arm-pit, and his left arm movements were very fast. He had proved that twice in the past six months. He was well built, but his features were too sharp, his face too lean. His voice was very quiet.

Lila Kennell said in a hopeless tone: "You're dead, Gil—I feel it very strongly."

"Centre City went and got big," Gil Baggart said. "The steel plants did it—that and the lumber from the North. C. K. was too straight for the job. But it's hard to figure—he didn't take any one in his confidence. Unless you."

He paused and she shook her head. "No," she said. "He never talked to me. But a few months ago, before he announced that he was going to resign he said they were closing in on him—but he didn't say who."

Gil Baggart nodded. "He said very steadily: 'I worked that black-mall job for him, Lila. You were away,

then—abroad. But Cassell is still in stir. He didn't do this."

Lila Kennell shook her head. She spoke in a hard voice:

"He wasn't perfect, Gil—but he knew it. There was Sol Bradwell—and this Maxlin man. They both wanted things—and he wouldn't give them what they wanted, Gil."

Baggart said sharply:

"I've got all the men in the Bureau on the hunt, Lila. But I hate to have Chad found."

Lila Kennell closed her blue eyes and nodded her head.

"I can stand it, Gil. But there's something I want to do. Something that Chad couldn't see—my way."

Gil Baggart narrowed his eyes and nodded. He thought he knew what it would be. He knew something of her family. The Kennells had come West years ago. A Kennell had founded the city—and his sons had pushed it on. A Kennell had sunk the well for the first blast furnace. The family was a part of the city's history.

Gil Baggart said: "You want to find Chad. He was your husband—or is your husband, Lila. And—"

"He was my husband. He's dead, Gil—I feel that. He wasn't strong—he couldn't fight them. But he was more than my husband—he was a Kennell."

"First cousin, but I wouldn't say you were foolish, Lila."

Her eyes held a peculiar expression.

"The family built the town into a city, Gil," she said slowly. "Her hands were clenched on her lap. 'And we're losing it. I won't have that. Not to lose it to cheap crooks and grafters—'"

Gil shook his head. "They're not cheap, Lila. They're fighting for more than graft. They want the city—and maybe one of them is big enough to take it."

She rose abruptly. "No!" she said in a fierce voice. "No—not Sol Bradwell. Not this Maxlin man. They can kill, yea. They can fight for control of things that bring them money—gambling spots. But they can't run the city, Gil!"

He shrugged. "I can't stop 'em," he said grimly. "I was pretty close to Turner. He was strong for a while, and then he started buying real estate and getting cars. Relatives were dying, but they always lived in the East, or the far West. Never around Centre City. He was taking graft, Lila. Now he's out. Chad—is out. And I won't stick long. They'll shove me down—or kick me off the Force—"

"Good! That's where I want you!"

you," she said in a steady, hard tone.

Gil Baggart narrowed his eyes on her set face. "So that's it," he said quietly.

"Yes," she said bitterly. "I want you to fight them, Gil. I won't see the city grafted, played with—because the police force is rotten and the men who run it are weak. I won't. And I've got money."

"How much—to put into the scrap, Lila?"

She shrugged. "Steel money—and it's mine. A million to use, Gil—two. Maybe three."

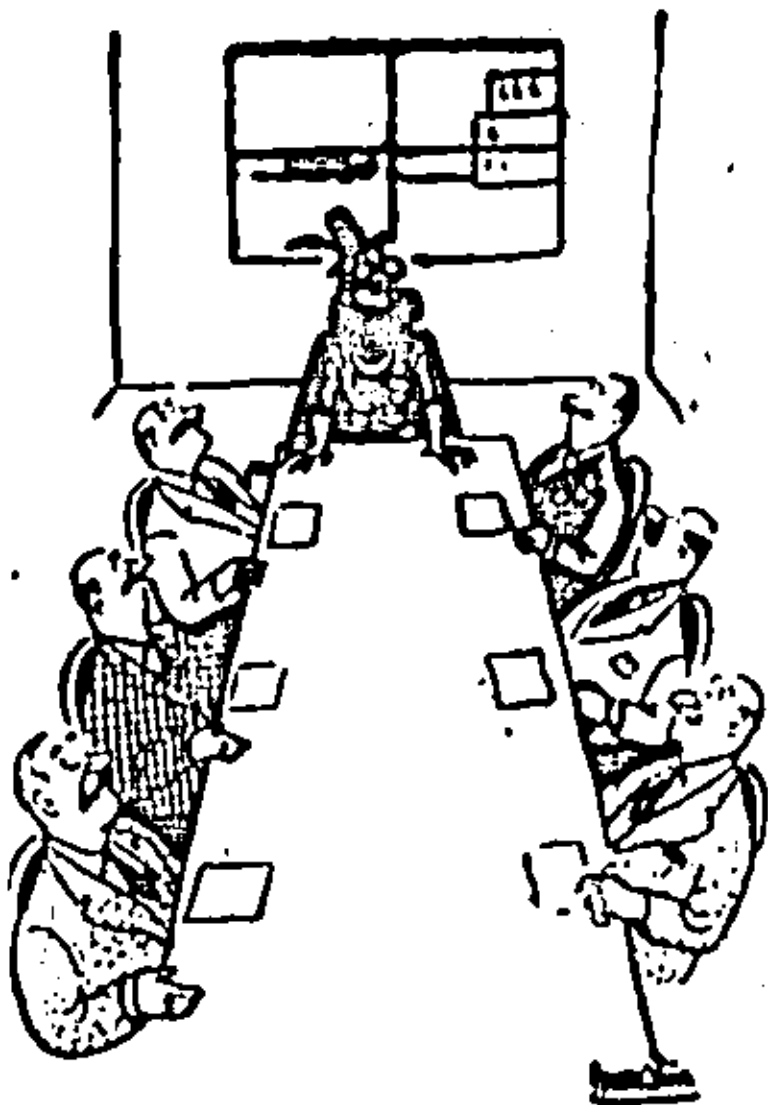
Gil Baggart nodded. "That would help," he said. "It's a job I'd sort of like. While it lasted—"

She widened her eyes on his. "You'd be careful—let others do the dangerous part—"

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PROGRAMME MUSIC

Those who ever trouble to read these weekly rambling notes will recall probably that I have referred before to the distinction between "real" (or "absolute") music and "programme" music. This latter type of composition is alleged music which avowedly sets out to depict a story or a scene, in the same way as the art of Dance (the Ballet) portrays in motion a story or legend.

With Ballet Music, of course, the musician has an added advantage in that his music is interpreted in motion on the stage through the art of the choreographer. He is not therefore solely reliant on the quality of his music and the plentitude of his ideas to put over the picture he has in mind.

The choreographer, however, comes second in the picture in this instance, since he has to fit his ideas into framework of music already composed. I am no expert on ballet and am subject consequently to contradiction when I make the statement that I believe the Dance is always fitted to the music, never music to the Dance. This appears to be logical since the Ballet surely cannot be conceived first as a series of motions to which music is fitted. The reverse must be the case, in the natural order of things.

The age-old battle of "classics & jazz" is no older, nor is it more bitterly fought, than the battle between the "Programme & Absolute" protagonists. There can be but little comparison between these two, since in the latter category, much of the world's best music falls.

I can imagine but little "classical" music falling under the heading of "jazz." This latter word, I know, is a little out-moded nowadays, but as an omnibus description intended to embrace all dance and modern rhythmic music, it is good enough.

It is true enough, however, that between the "Programme" and "Absolute" factions, feelings run high, neither side being prepared to admit of much legitimacy in the other's views. Quite why there should be any split over this question, I have never been able properly to determine.

Composer X.Y.Z. writes a piece of music in which he portrays his idea of a landscape, say Composer A.B.C. writes a symphony, the main theme of which occurred to him whilst watching the very same scene which inspired X.Y.Z. "Now," says the absolute-music-school "the music composed by X.Y.Z. cannot be so good as that written by A.B.C."

We say this because A.B.C. has written music, inspired by a beautiful scene, admittedly, but it is music in pure form. Your X.Y.Z. has descended to the vulgar depths of writing music which he contends actually portrays the scene. Such an inspiration is as necessarily shallow as the music he writes. That, in effect, appears to be the basis of the argument.

There are, however, two important points which, to my mind, must always be taken into account when endeavouring to assess the rights and wrongs of this controversy. In all fairness, firstly, to the composer of so-called "programme" music, the listener should know in advance the story to be depicted in music, otherwise it is like asking for some bizarre Russian food and then blaming the cook because you do not like it! Extremes apart, programme music without pre-knowledge of the story could just as well be the story of Little Red Riding Hood as anything else!

Secondly, a good story cannot make up for poor music. The legend of the Swan of Tuusula, so fittingly described in music by Sibelius, could not make a masterpiece of music composed by writer of dance-jingles. No, it is obvious that good music is needed to describe the story—in fact, the music may even enhance the story. As witness to this, consider what Verdi's music did for the garbled librettos of "Trovatore" and "Rigoletto."

Bach so far as I can recall, made no excursions at all into the so-called realm of programme music. Mozart and Handel, on the other hand, devoted quite a large proportion of their output

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to this type. Yet surely no one will say that these two were inferior to Bach because of it? Mendelssohn wrote his "Fingal's Cave" overture depicting, as he saw it, the lashing of the waves on the rock-bound Hebridean coast. Had this music been simply but bluntly called "Overture No. 1" (or something equally prosaic) would it have been better music? I think not.

Programme-music arises from man's natural impulse which delights in story-telling, an age-old characteristic dating back to the days of Scherezade and the Arabian Nights' tales. That this delight is indulged in musical form seems to me but a natural off-shoot as learning and culture progress. I fail to see that music wedded to or inspired by a story is any the worse for that fact. However, I do not doubt but that the controversy will continue, as these things have a habit of doing, and my poor contribution will do nothing to influence it one iota.

And so, again to the week's programmes.

SUNDAY

The Symphony Concert tonight consists of:—
"Haffner" Symphony Mozart
"Planoforte Concerto" Saint-Saens
"Harold in Italy" Berlioz

Mozart, although following so closely on Haydn, showed no trace of similarity in his works to those of his great contemporary. Haydn "rode on the surface, whilst Mozart plumbed the depths of emotion, showing gifts for expression that were, more than anything else, the foundation of the modern symphony in all its glory. Had Mozart lived to Haydn's great age, the history of the symphony would undoubtedly have been very different."

Thus says Julius Harrison of Mozart. Probably Mozart's method of plunging straight into his theme was one reason for his being regarded for some long time as a precocious upstart. Be that as it may, the "Haffner" is a monumental work, typical of Mozart at his best; it is music of which, personally, I never tire. A "must" for all listeners!

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) ranks with Faure, Bizet and Massenet as amongst the most distinguished musicians that France has given the world of music of his five pianoforte concertos, only one has survived the rough passage of time.

In this concerto, the distinguished man that Saint-Saens brought to bear on his music is limited only by his lack of complete creative faculty. It has been said, quite neatly, that "Saint-Saens" was the greatest composer who ever lived who was not a genius. A true enough aphorism, but nevertheless a remark which cannot detract from the delight his music imbues in the listeners.

The origin of "Harold in Italy" is interesting if only for the fact that it involves that legendary and fabulous hand-maiden of Satan, Paganini. It seems Paganini had laid hands on a Stradivarius violin and being anxious to find music worthy both of the violin and himself, commissioned Berlioz to write a concerto for viola and orchestra. "Harold in Italy" was the result.

As fate would have it, however, Paganini died before the first performance and A. N. Other played solo viola. Not content with this, however, Fate decreed even worse for Berlioz on the occasion of that first performance. In his memoirs, Berlioz tells "how the harpist lost his place, the conductor his head and the audience their patience." A hasty order to play the last chord in a strategic endeavour to save the day was given. "It was," declares Berlioz "murder most foul."

As the first major work written to feature the soft-voiced viola, however,

"Harold" is quite a tour de force, and many beautiful passages exist for the solo instrument. If you do not already know this music, tonight's performance by William Primrose will be a most satisfying introduction.

SATURDAY-OPERA

It has been a noticeable and very welcome feature of Saturday evening's programmes to find an hour or so allotted to opera. Currently featured is Verdi's "Il Trovatore," which was the subject of a mere mention in last week's notes. There is very little performance of opera. Those whose tastes therefore, lie in this direction are perforce constrained to rely on recordings, of which, happily, there is abundance in the various companies' catalogues.

Verdi's earliest attempts at opera were written with the tradition of predecessors and the opera-going public in mind. For many years, Italian opera-goers had made no bones about their attitude to operatic innovations. Full-flowing melody, heroic singing and drama were what they pld for, and were equally clear in their reactions to provide them with these ingredients.

Verdi himself frankly admits that his earlier works were written with these considerations in mind. "Rigoletto" and "Trovatore" were written during this period of his life. In his later works, such as "Aida," "Un Ballo in Maschera," "Otello" and "Traviata" he had become sufficiently established to attempt a new operatic form. In these later operas, there is no doubt Verdi was groping on the fringes of a music-drama more than opera and at times, his touch is almost Wagnerian. In support of this, I quote Lago's "Credo" from "Otello" which could almost be mistaken for a passage from "Lohengrin" at times.

The garbled plot of "Trovatore" is such a mess-pot of complications that I have never yet managed to unravel very much of it! To my mind, however, the story does not matter so much, since Verdi's music—alleged with the action on the stage—speaks for itself.

"Trovatore" contains many pages of unequalled and well-known music, and is something akin to "Hamlet" in that as the schoolboy said, "It is full of quotations." Good music, however, never becomes the duller or less welcome for repetition.

For my part, I hope Saturday-opera will continue for many weeks, since it affords a chance of hearing the world's best singers in roles they have made famous.

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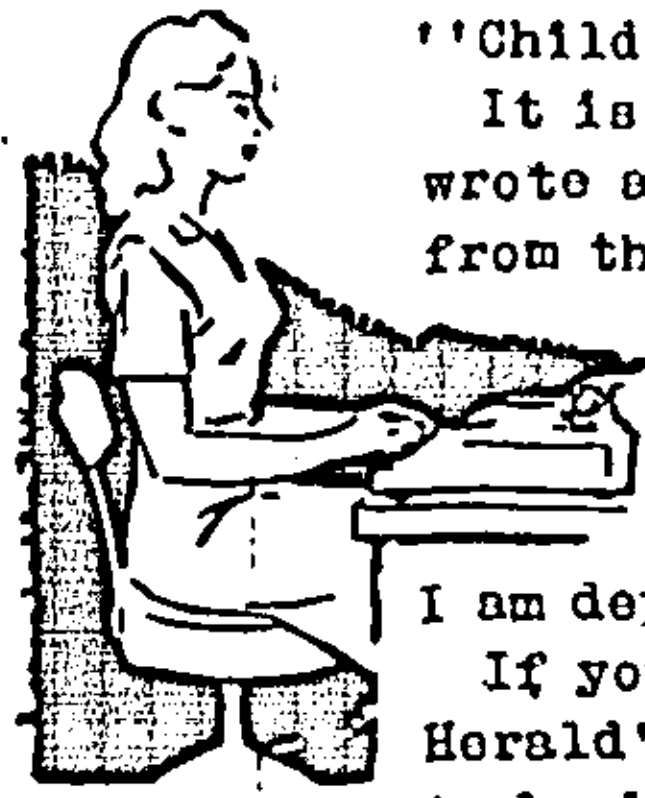
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I do hope you are all going to like the new issue of the "Children's Herald".

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There will be more stories, poems, drawings etc. You children will, therefore, have more chances to have your articles printed. Come on now, let us make your supplement an even greater success! Don't forget I am depending on you all.

If you want anything special to be printed in the "Children's Herald" on Easter Sunday, do please send it in now, so as not to be disappointed when the day arrives.

Please also remember when sending in drawings to make sure that the outlines are clear and in ink.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Painting Winners

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A SWINGING STAR

I see the treetops large and still against the sky.

A star, a tiny lantern, swings uncertainly
As if it swung from slender spider thread:

Sometimes its light is hidden by the trees,
And yet we know that every star keeps in its certain course—
And treetops often sway in slightest breeze.

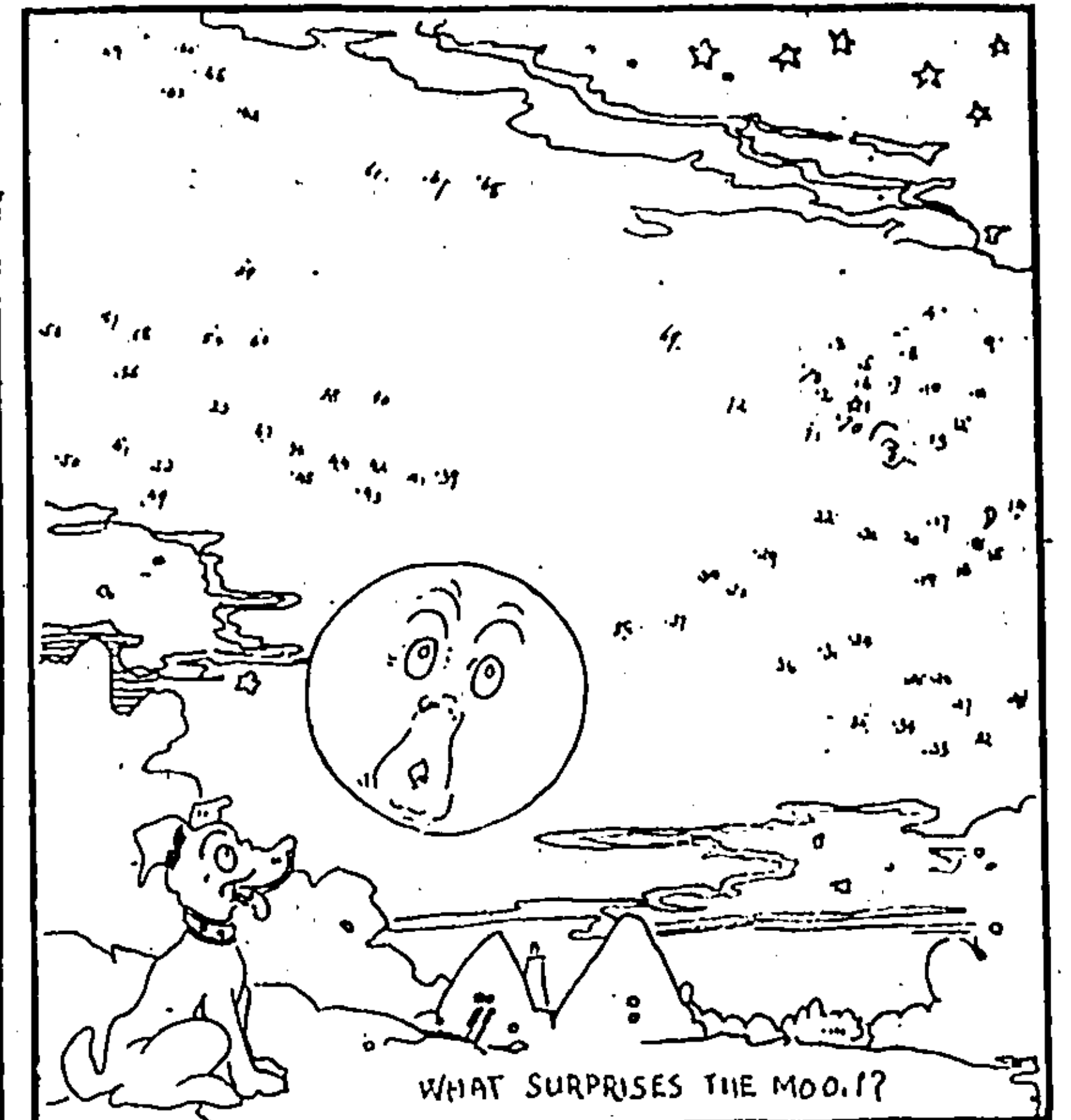
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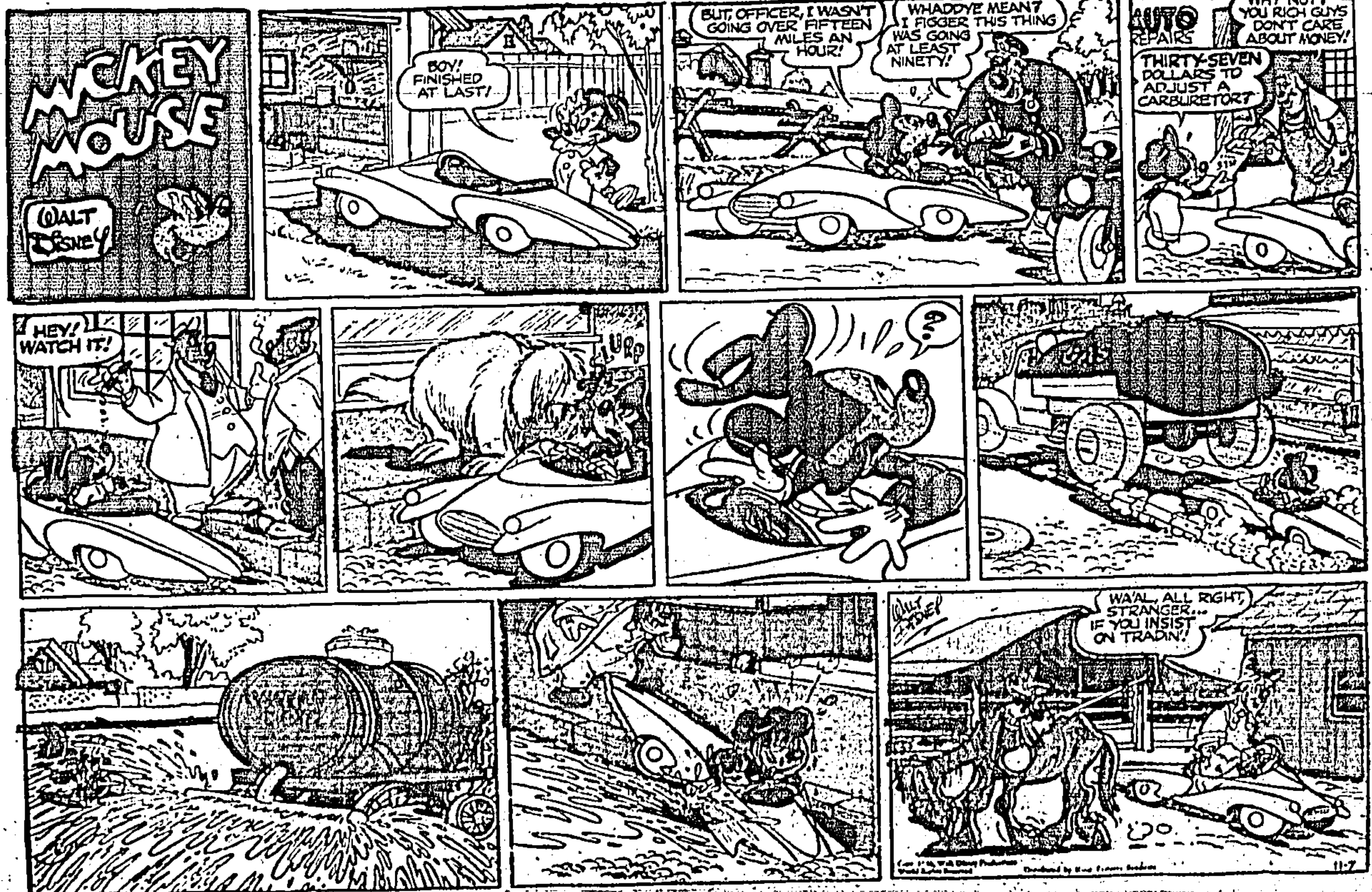
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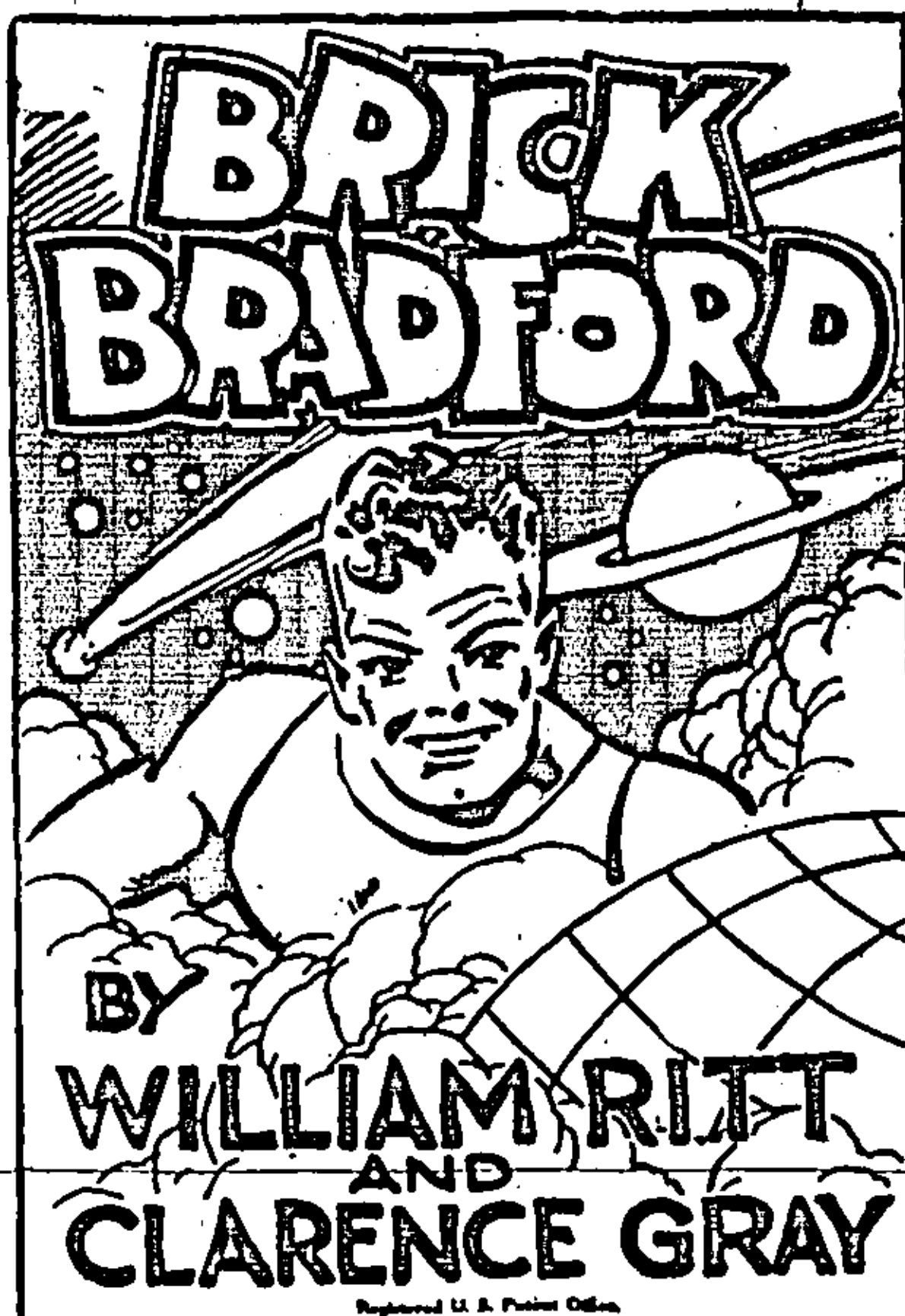


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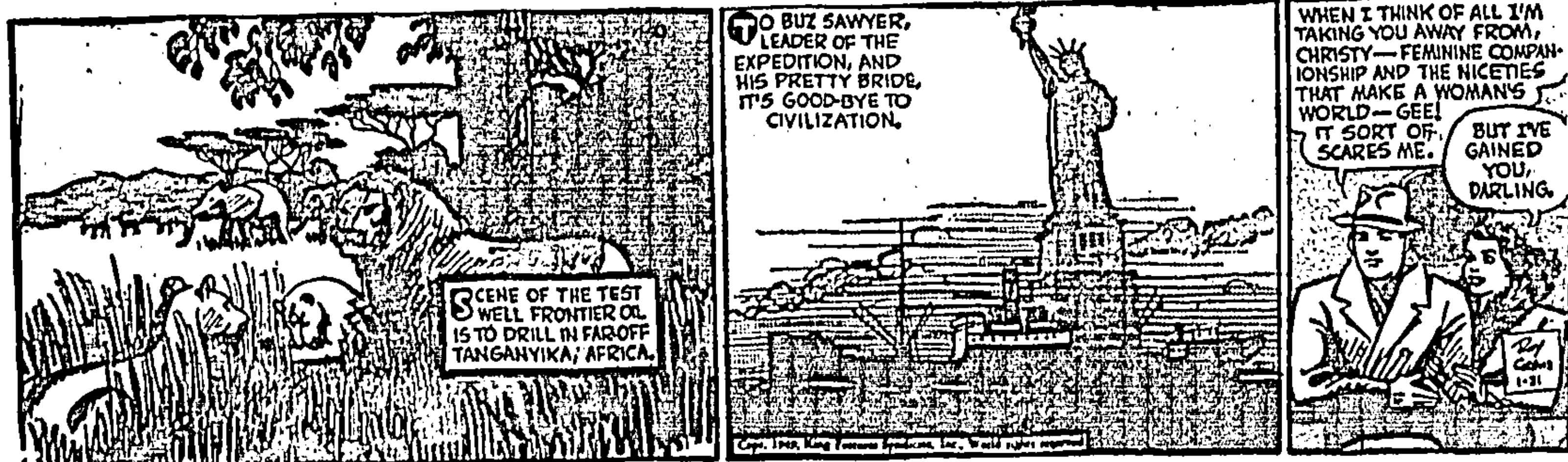


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By Roy Crane

A Run-Away Ride



The sun gave a mischievous wink to Minnie who was waiting in her garden wondering why Joyce did not return home for such a long time and take her for a ride in the lovely car in which they used to go when they were together.

Suddenly a car stopped at the gate and this gave Minnie a start, for out stepped a lady who was in such a hurry to get to the house that she forgot to close the door of the car, nor did she shut the gate.

As soon as the lady disappeared inside, she could not stand the temptation of the soft, comfortable seat and ventured nearer and nearer. Having seen no one was around, she jumped into the car and snuggled herself into the back seat. After a minute or two she was fast asleep.

Now the owner of the car came hurrying back, but she did not look around, something very important seemed to occupy her mind and off she drove.

It was a lovely morning on the next day as Minnie awoke, and found herself and the lady still in the car, accompanied by a little girl who kindly gave her a slice of bread with butter and gently patted her head.

"I suppose you live in the house with the lovely big garden at the end of this street," the little girl began. But Minnie was too shy to answer her, and there was silence between them.

Rows of trees and houses went racing back, and it became more and more familiar. At last they arrived at their goal; Minnie ran towards the door followed by the lady and the girl, she was glad to be home again. Pa thanked the lady who was called Mrs. White and her daughter Patsy for bringing her back safely. From that day onwards Patsy often came to play with her and took her for rides in her car.

Do you know why Pa did not get upset or anxious when Minnie was lost? If you do not know, I will tell you now. She was merely a puppy whom Pa would have given away if not for Joyce's (his daughter) sake who was living in a boarding school.

Honour certificate to Jessie Child of 25, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.

A PICNIC

One day last week we went to a picnic in the country. We started at about 10 a.m. and arrived at our destination half an hour later.

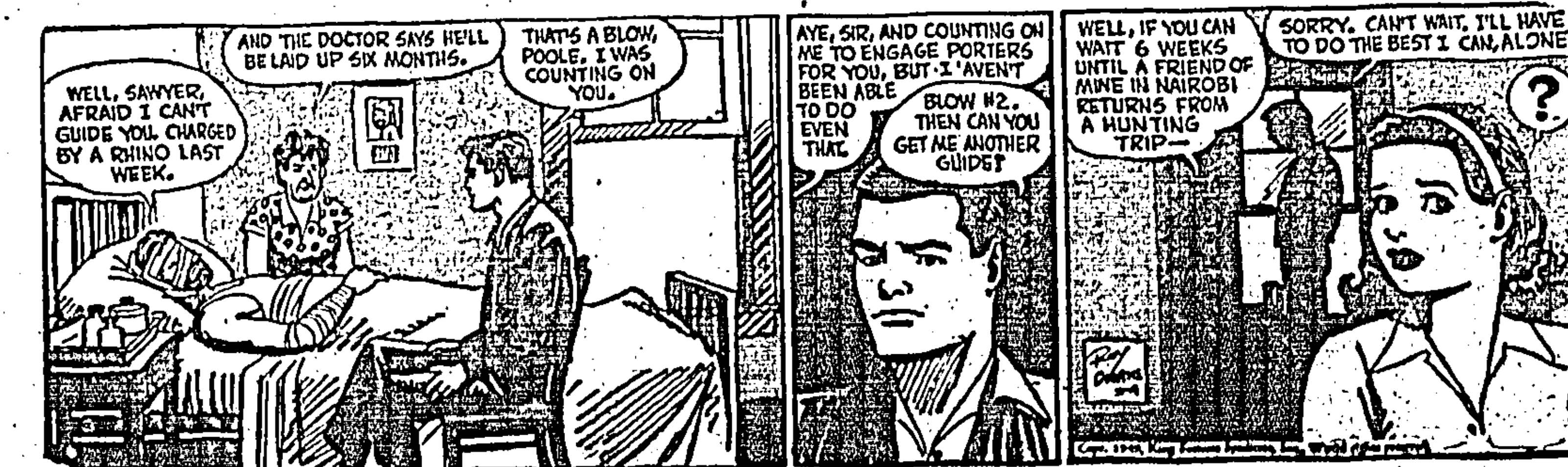
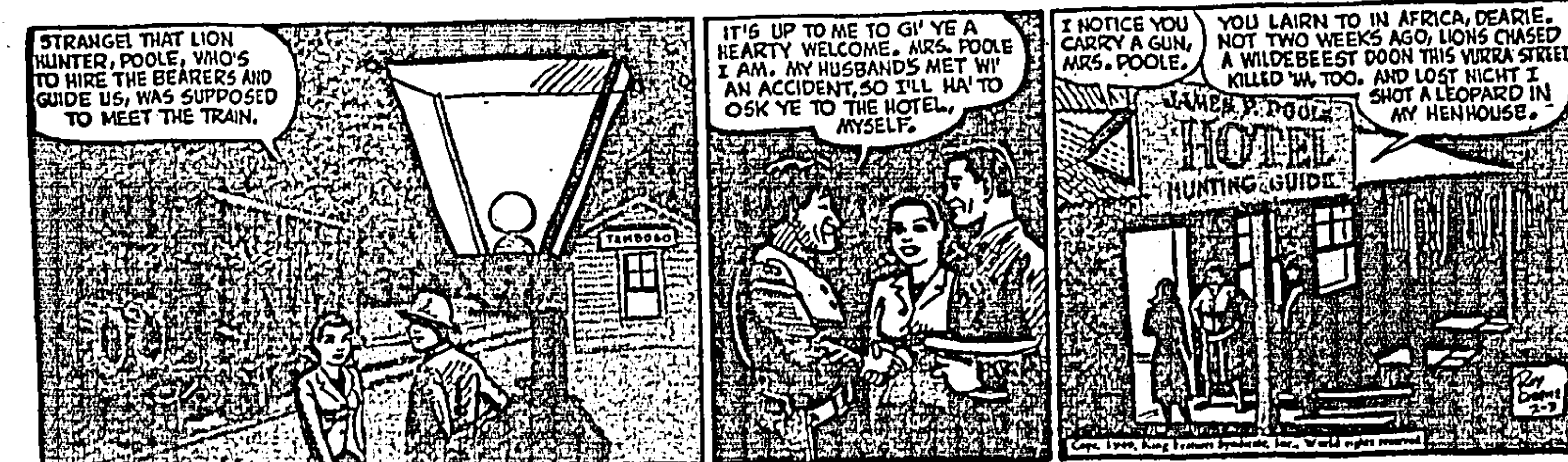
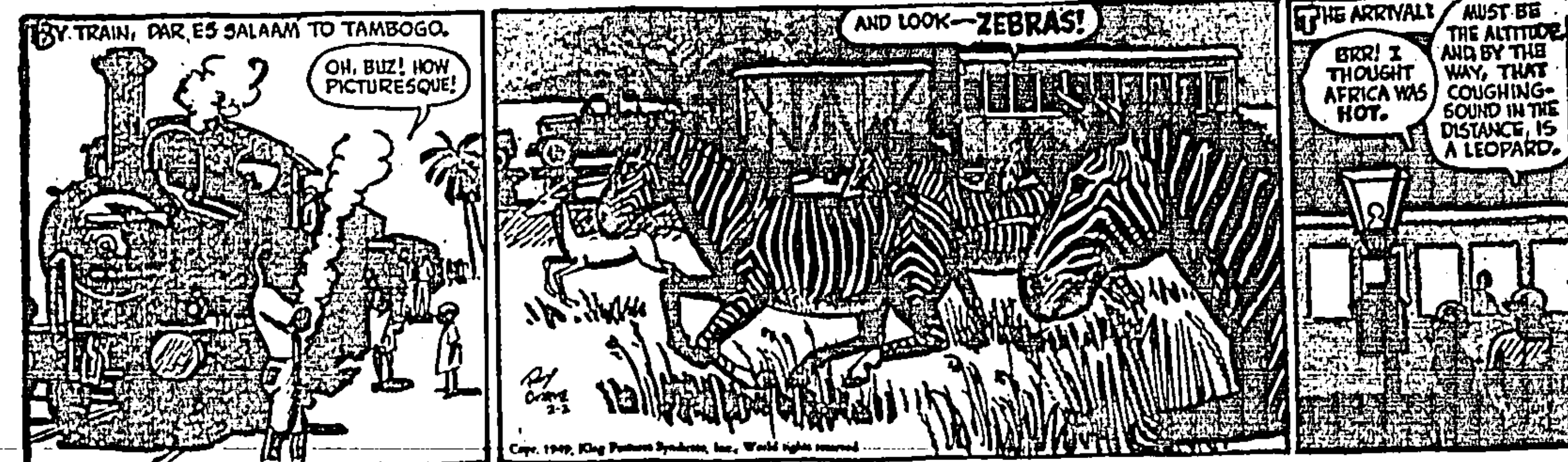
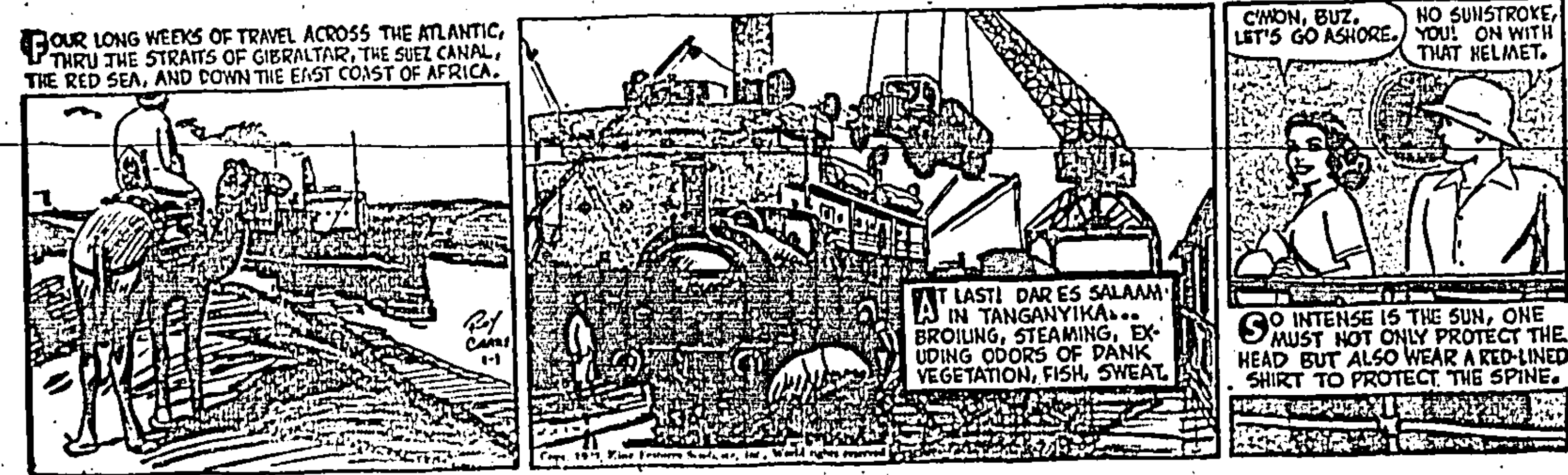
There we started to climb a little hill and were so hot that we sat down and rested. After a while, we continued our walk and later sat down again by a stream to have our lunch.

Some of my friends went to sleep after their meal but a few together with myself went looking for flowers.

When we came back our hands full of wild flowers, we found our friends still asleep. We didn't disturb them but started to play some games. This made us very tired so we woke up the others and told them we had better be going home as we were very tired.

We took the bus back at about four in the afternoon and got back safely singing all the way home. It was indeed a very enjoyable day.

Honour certificate to Zahara Neves of 5 Dragon Terrace, ground floor, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.



A Foolish Door-Keeper

Once upon a time, there lived a foolish boy named John. He lived with his father in a little house very happily.

One day, his father was going out on a journey. Before parting, he told John that he must watch the door carefully.

After his father was gone, John watched the door and felt very lonely. He suddenly heard the sound of brass and then the sweet melody of a band playing, for there was a performance in the street.

John thought to himself, "How nice it is to stay out and see the performance, but my father told me to watch the door. Better wait till he returns."

But the sound of brass grew louder and the melody of the band sweeter. Now the neighbours all went out to see the play.

At last, John could not stay where he was, and ran out. But as soon as he remembered his father's words, he stopped and dared not go farther.

He then thought out a way to see the play and at the same time keep the door.

So he took down the door and carried it on his shoulder, and ran to see the play.

Soon, thieves came into his house and the money and the furniture were stolen. Before the play came to an end, John's father returned. He saw the door was not there and that everything was gone.

While he was wondering what had happened, in came John slowly, carrying the door on his back. His father asked him, "Where have you been and what happened?"

John pointing to the door said, "I know nothing, all I know is that you told me to keep this door and I've kept it all this time."

His father was very angry and said, "I told you to keep the door for the sake of my money and property, now these have been stolen, what is the use of the door? You are really a very foolish boy."

Honour certificate to Helena Law of 118, Caine Road, 2nd Fl. Hong Kong.

Greedy Nelly

Nelly was a very greedy girl and when she was invited out to tea she would gorge herself with the best cakes until she looked as if she would burst. Until one day she wasn't invited to parties and she had no friends except Jill.

Jill felt sorry for Nelly, and when she was invited to spend the day with her uncle who could make his voice speak from another part of the room, a plan formed in her mind, and when she told her Uncle about it he agreed.

The following week was Jill's birthday and she had a party and Nelly was invited - also, Jill's uncle was present too.

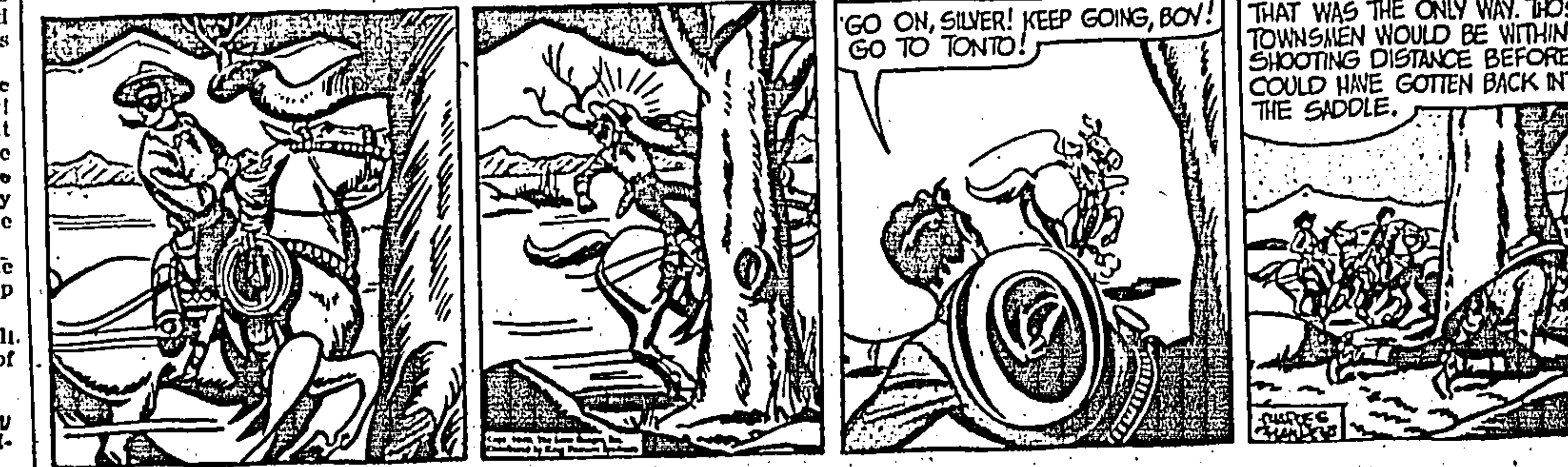
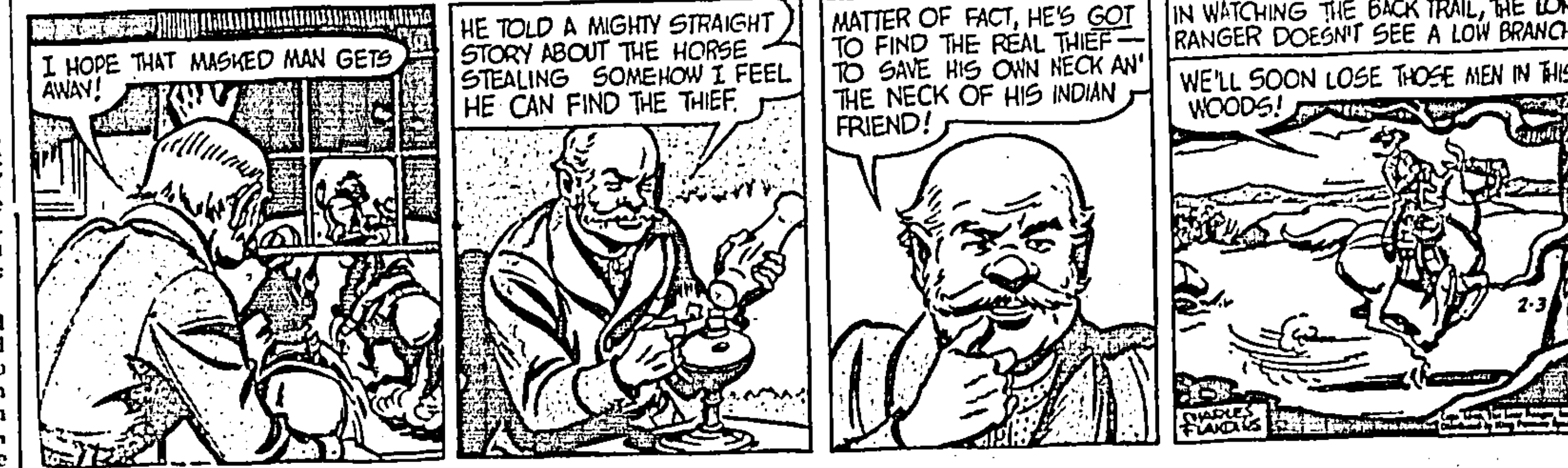
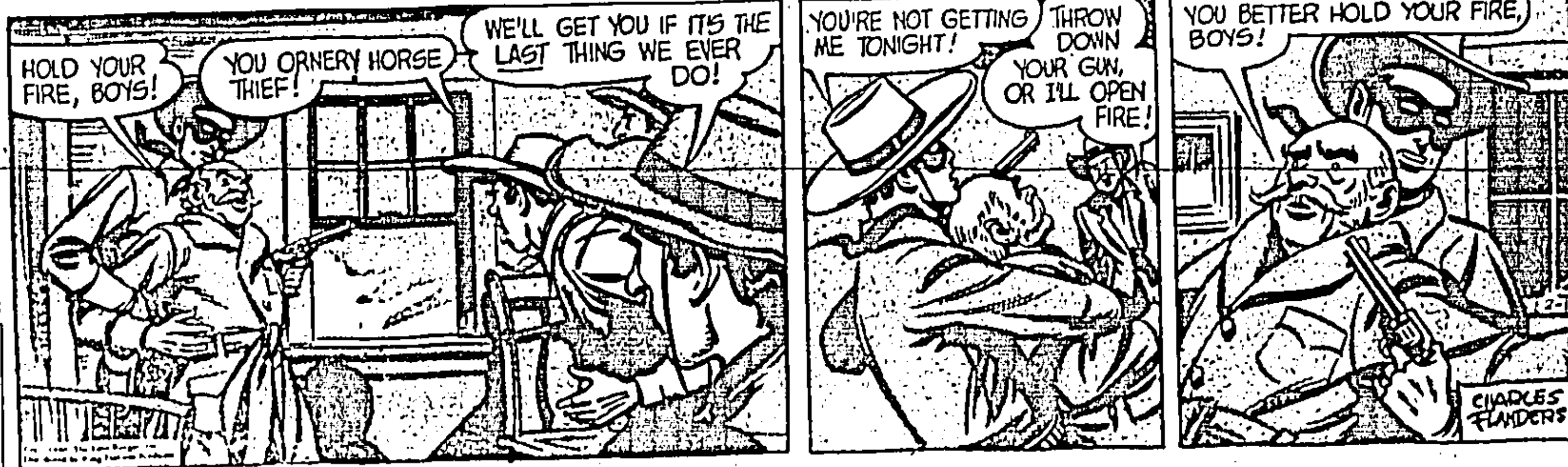
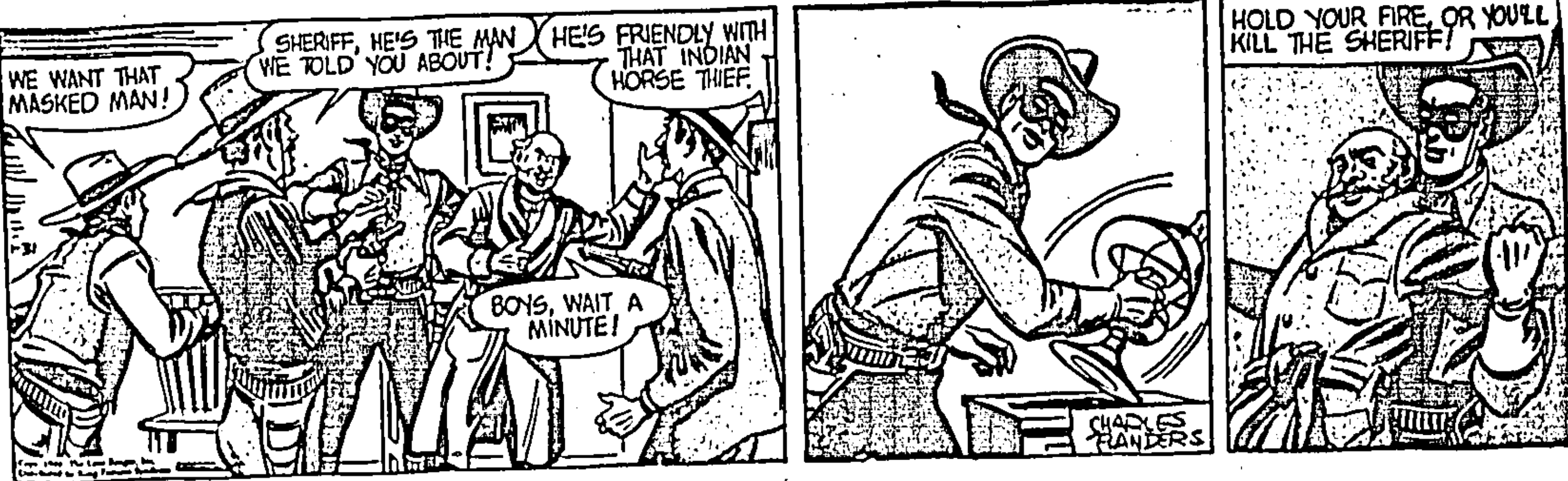
When Nelly picked up a cake a voice seemed to say "Greedy! Greedy!" and Nelly quickly put the cake back, but every time Nelly picked up a piece of cake the voice spoke again, until Nelly realised what a greedy girl she was.

Now when offered a cake she will take it, but she won't help herself.

Nelly is invited to nearly all the parties, and she has a lot of friends.

Honour certificate to Geoffrey L. Trueman of 20, Jubilee Buildings, Sham Shu Po.

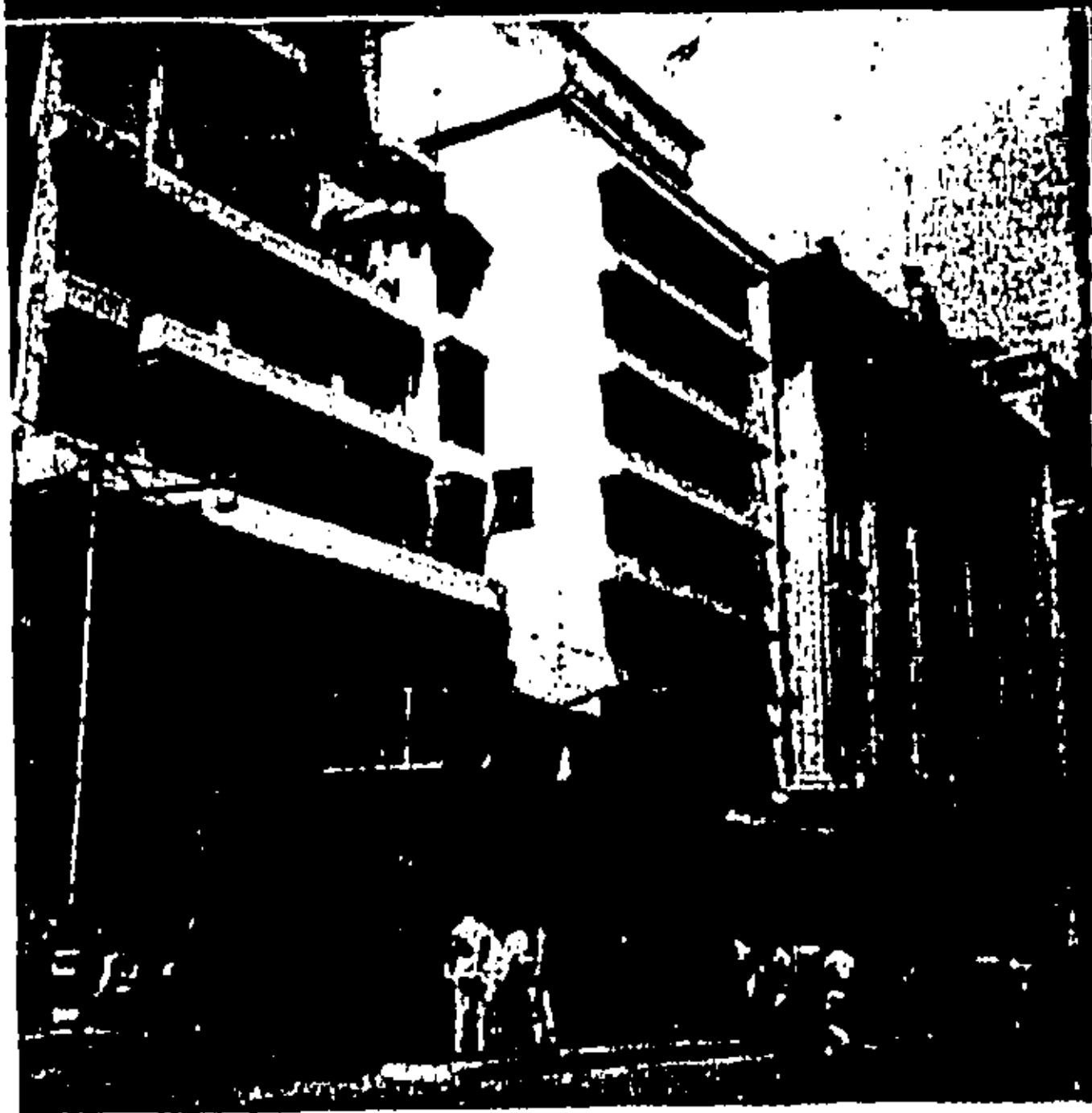
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SUNDAY HERALD Pictorial



A panoramic picture of Hong Kong as seen from Kowloon. (BOAC photo)



A busy section of one of the main business streets of Hong Kong. (BOAC photo)

A view of the Hong Kong waterfront, near the ferry crossing. (BOAC photo)



An entrance to Hong Kong Harbour, dotted by Speedbird Flying Boats. (BOAC photo)



A section of the Hong Kong waterfront, clustered with junks. (BOAC photo)

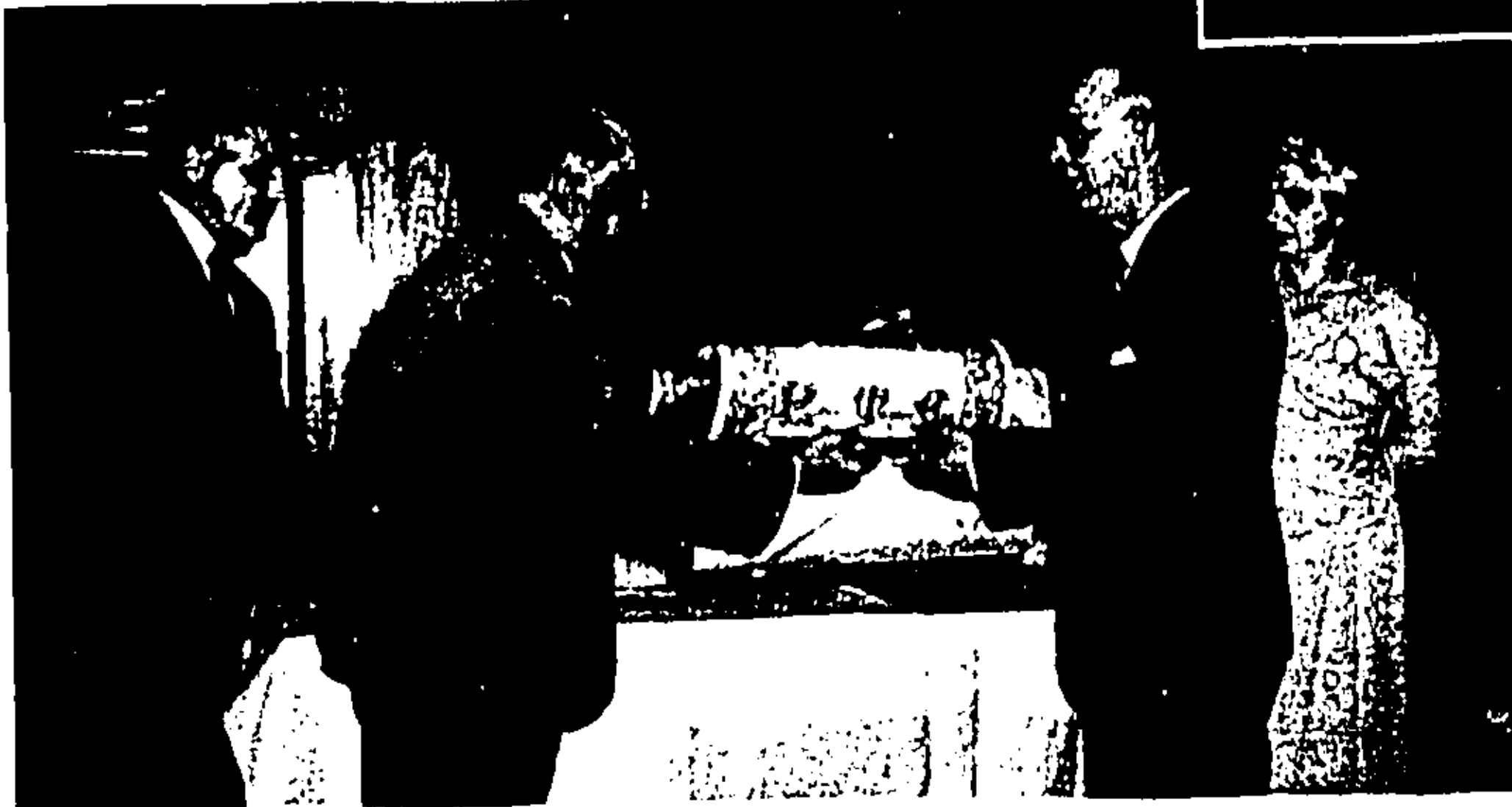




The Governor visited the Fung Ping Shan Library to see the famous wood-cuts by Mr. Hwang Yung-yu. (Ming Yuen photo)



Members of the Board of Directors, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. who attended the farewell cocktail party in honour of Mr. R. Taylor at the Hong Kong Hotel on March 11. ("China Mail" photo)



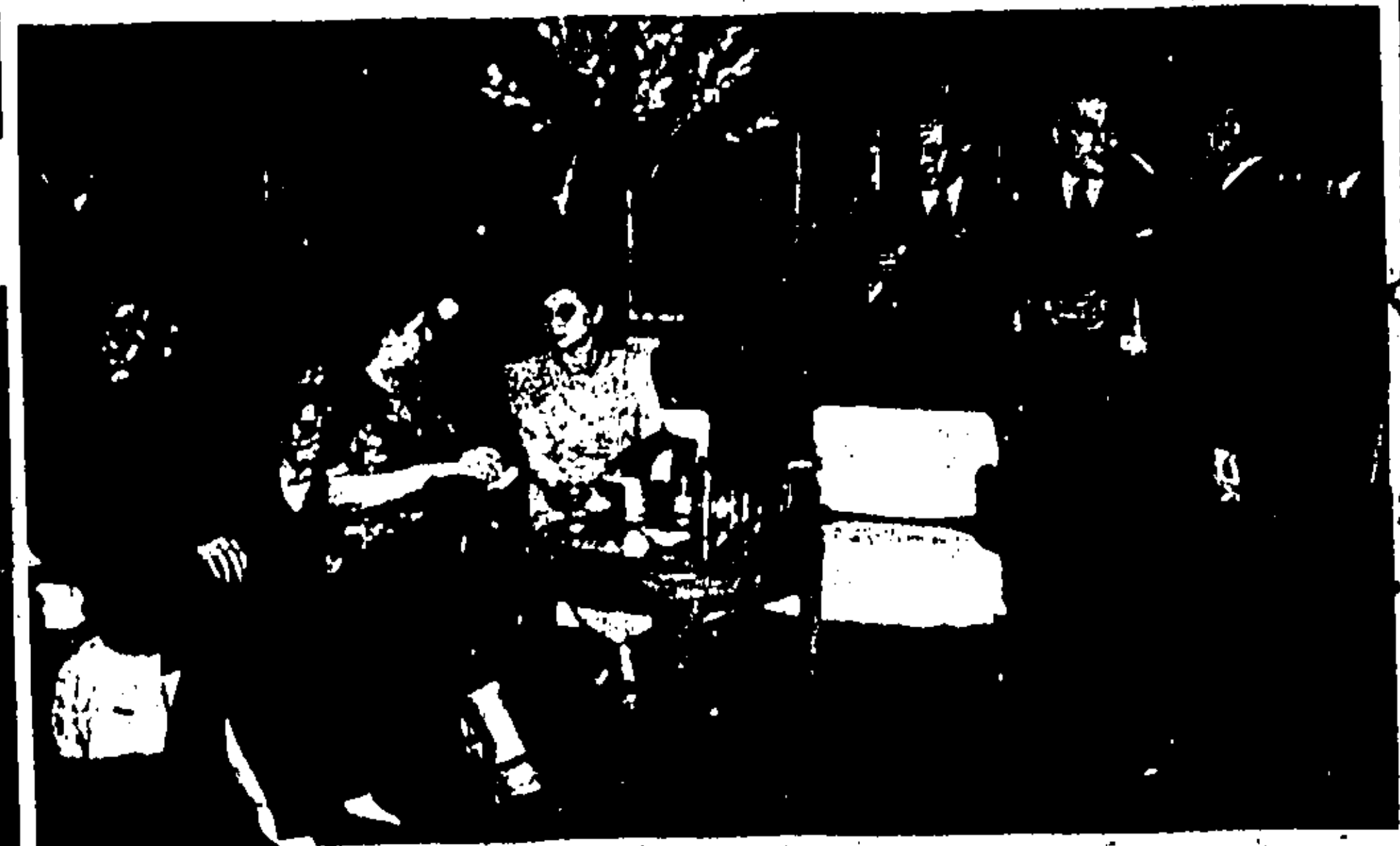
Mr. R. Taylor receiving an illuminated address given him by the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. on his retirement. ("China Mail" photo)



Guests who attended the cocktail party given by the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. in honour of Mr. R. Taylor on his retirement. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. R. Taylor receiving a silver tray presented him by the Board of Directors, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. ("China Mail" photo)



The staff of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. who attended the farewell cocktail party for Mr. R. Taylor at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor and friends at a cocktail party in the Hong Kong Hotel on March 11. ("China Mail" photo)



At the start of the 1,500-metre event at Queen's College Annual Sports on March 12. ("China Mail" photo)



At the Senior High Jump Event at Queen's College Ground in Causeway Bay. ("China Mail" photo)



At the Senior Shot Put Event at Queen's College Annual Sports. ("China Mail" photo)



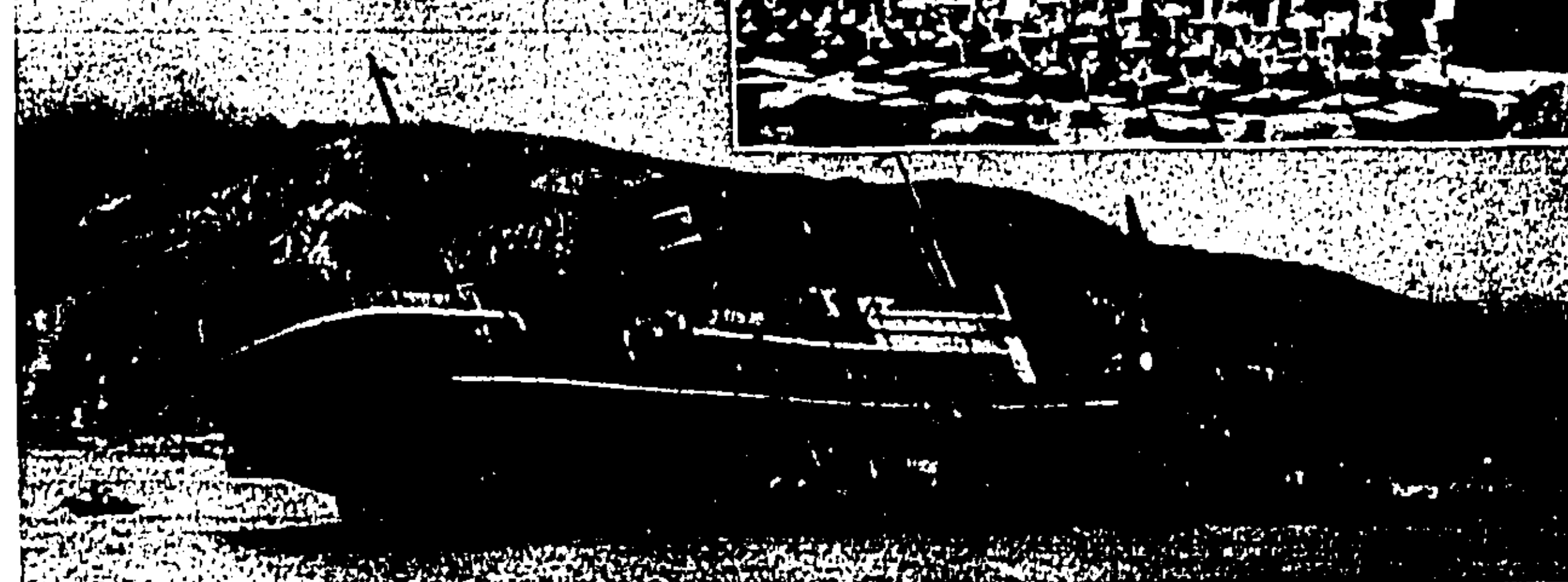
Mrs. T. R. Rowell presenting prizes to winners at Queen's College Annual Sports. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Williamson, Headmaster of Queen's College, delivering a speech on occasion of the Annual Sports. ("China Mail" photo)

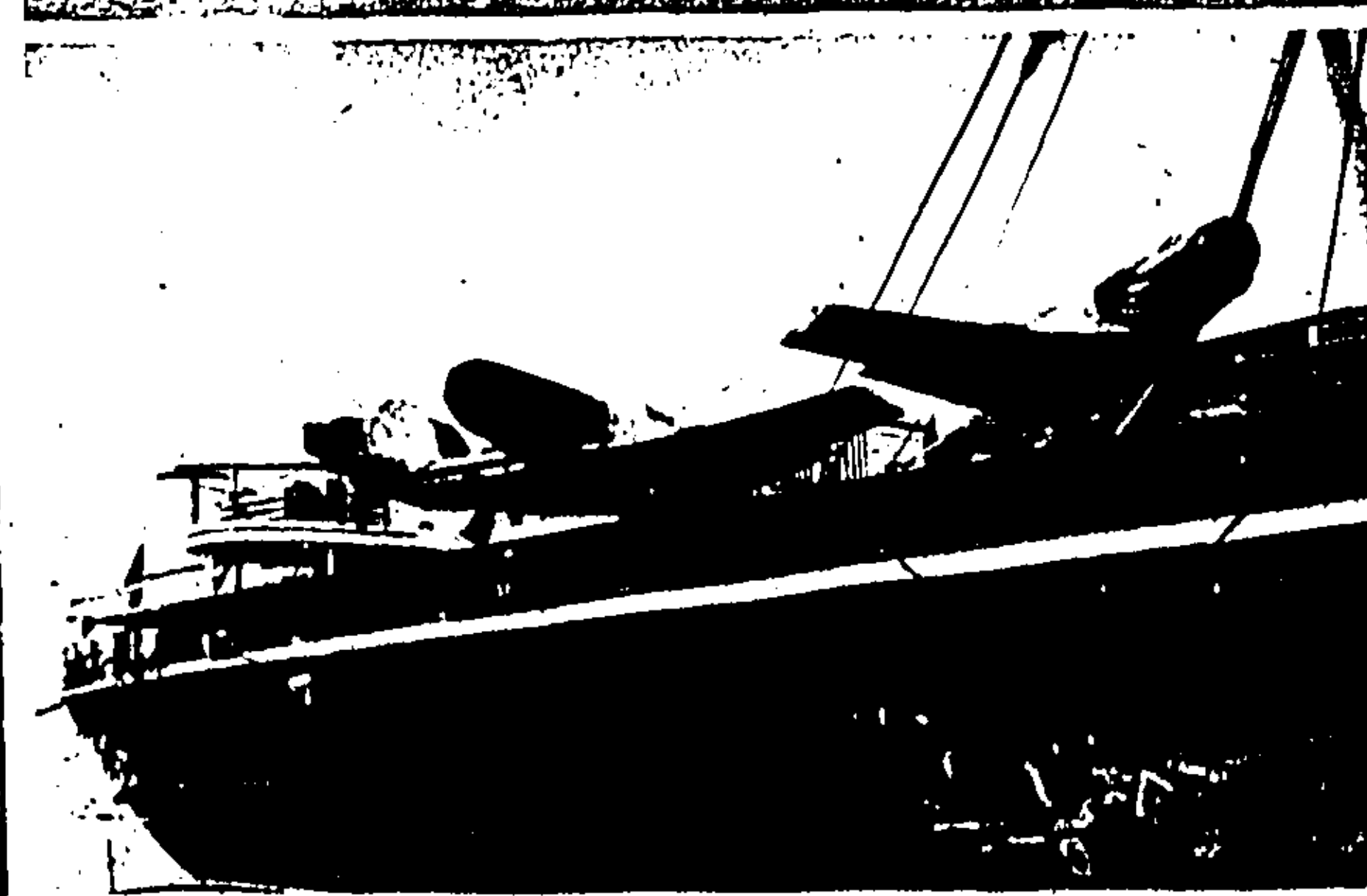


Squatters are shown removing boards which once were their homes. ("China Mail" photo)

Dilapidated wooden shacks on the former Queen's College site after being dismantled. ("China Mail" photo)



The ss. Haven is seen here lying 200 yards off the Tai-koo Dockyard after being towed into port with split forepeak and water-logged hold. ("China Mail" photo)



The mv. Kafristan with eight Mustang fighters aboard as they were being evacuated from Kure to Australia. ("China Mail" photo)



A large gathering of friends and relatives attended the wedding of Mr. B. W. D. Hitchcock and Miss Gloria Grant. (Ming Yuen photo)

Mr. B. W. D. Hitchcock and Miss Gloria Grant after their wedding at Stanley Military Church. (Ming Yuen photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Chang after their wedding at Kau Yan Church. (Mayfair Studio photo)

At the christening of Margaret Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. E. Gavtier. (Ming Yuen photo)



Party attending the wedding of Mr. Yip Eng Tjoon and Miss Anita Loo. (Ming Yuen photo)



At the christening of William McColl, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. McColl. (Ming Yuen photo)

The christening of Sheena Watt, daughter of Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Watt. (Photo by Jimmy Foo)



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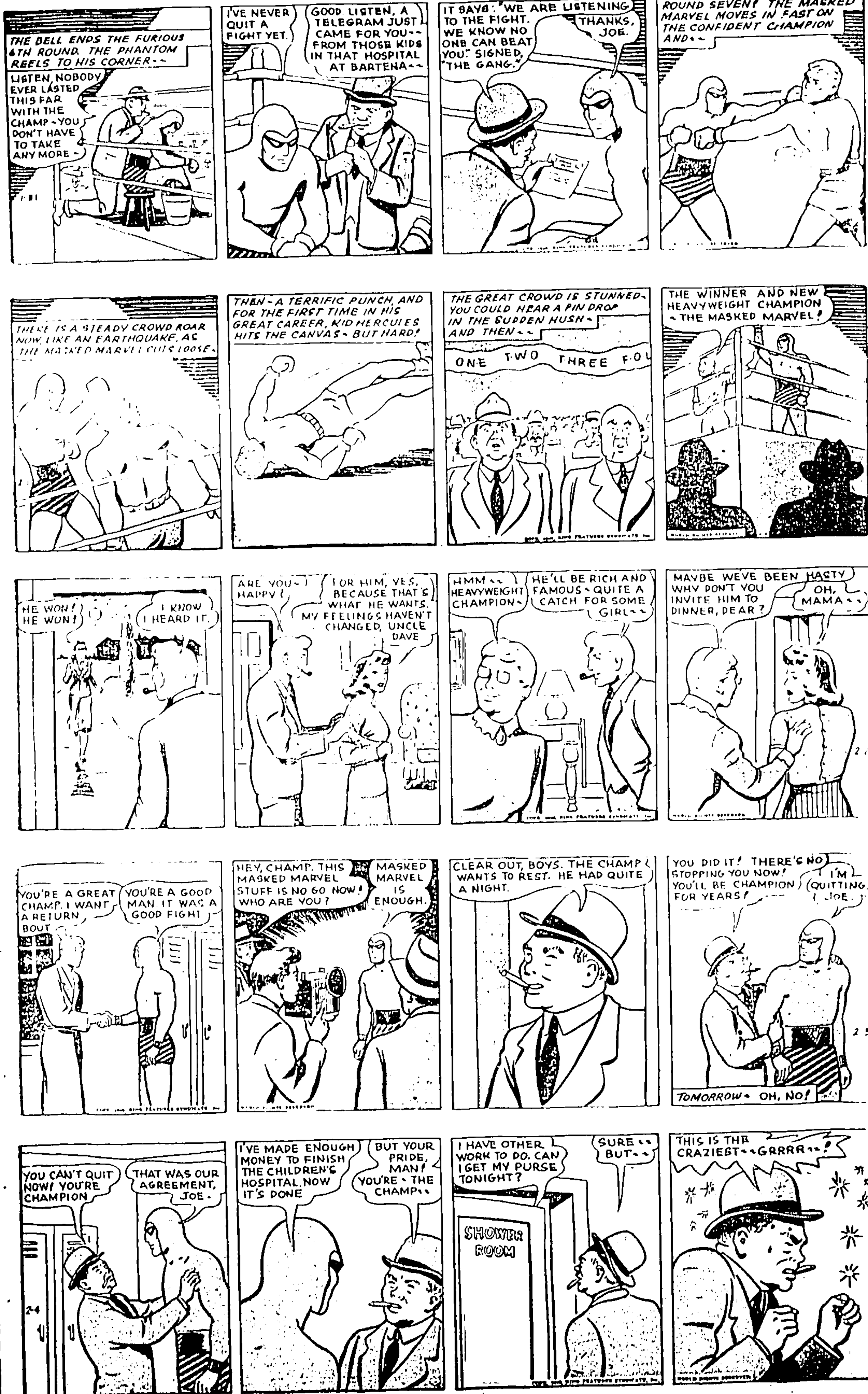
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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Ray Moore



Merry Moments

Teacher: "Billy, tell me five things that contain milk."
 Billy: "Cheese, butter, chocolate and--"
 Teacher: "Go on, Billy, two more."
 Billy: "And er and--er--two cows!"

A little boy was going to the circus and he took his dog Rover. As he was walking past a side-show, he saw a sign which read "Man Eating Lion." He walked in and said to the manager, "Please sir, could the man who's eating the lion spare some meat for Rover?"

John: A girl was working in a candy shop. She was seven feet tall and took size five in shoes. What did she weigh?
 Jack: Candy, of course!

Teacher: Why is your essay on "My Dog" the same as your brother's?
 Jim: Well, please, sir, it's the same dog.

A small girl and her cat were sitting in front of the fire when suddenly the cat started purring. "Mummy, could the girl, 'Pussy's' beeping?"

Landlady: You can have this flat as long as you don't have any cats or dogs, or listen to the radio.
 Man: Well, I better warn you that my fountain pen scratches.

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell the whole class just what grass is?
 Tommy: Yes, teacher. Grass is whickers on the earth.

"I'm sorry to have to do this," said Bobby, as he spread the jam on baby's face. "but I can't have suspicion pointing its finger at me."

Margaret said seven, is sometimes very naughty. On one of three occasions her mother, desiring to be particularly impressive and, "Don't you know that if you keep on being so naughty your children will be naughty, too?"

Margaret cried triumphantly, "Oh, Mother, you gave yourself away!"

"Waiter," called the customer in a restaurant where an orchestra was playing.

"Yes, sir."
 "Kindly tell the leader of the orchestra to play something sad and low while I dine. I want to see if it will have a softening influence on this steak."

Deciding to be cautious, a thrifty Chinese removed a brick from the hollow wall of his house and carefully deposited his hard-earned savings in the opening. Still haunted by a feeling of insecurity, he wrote across the home-made safe, "No money in this wall."

His astute neighbour, Wong, saw the tell-tale writing, rifled the safe and took the money. Fearing detection, he wrote on the replaced brick, "The money was not stolen by Wong."

John: What shape is the earth?
 Joe: Square.
 John: Why do you say that?
 Joe: Well, my father was a sailor and he said he sailed to the four corners of the earth.

Teacher: Has anyone a question he would like to ask?
 Sammy: Please teacher, can we go home?

A very dejected little boy came home from his first day at school. "I'm not going tomorrow," he said. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk--so what's the use?"

YOUR DREAMS & WHAT THEY MEAN

BOOKS—A good sign. It indicates future happiness, though in a quiet way.
BURNING HOUSE—A sign of improved fortunes.
BURNS—A sign of valuable friendship in your life.

CABBAGES—A sign of life and health.

CAMERA—To look into one, someone will deceive you.

CAN—Good news. To drink out of a can, great joy.

CANDLE—This is a good omen, provided the candle burns brightly. If it is extinguished, expect trouble.

CANDY—Peace and happiness in your home affairs.

CARROTS—Profit by inheritance.

CAT—An unfavourable dream. Shows deceit by someone whom you trust.

CELLAR—an obstacle dream, unless there is plenty of coal in the cellar. Then it indicates good business from a distance.

CHAIR—An empty chair means news from a long-absent friend.

CHILDREN—Success in business.

CHRISTMAS—A good omen pertaining to friends and family.

CIRCUS—Future unhappiness, due to your own careless habits.

CLOCK—If it strikes the hour, you will have a comfortable life.

COAT—A new coat means business troubles. An old coat, prosperity is coming to you.

CUP—A bad omen if empty. If it is full it is a sign of prosperity.

Friendship Between Two Dogs

One day as Tom was going to school, he found Lucky (his dog) following him. He didn't have enough time to bring him home so he had to let Lucky go to school with him.

When the bell rang, all the boys and girls went into the classroom. Tom left Lucky in the playground, for he hoped Lucky would go home by himself. But Lucky was very happy that day because another dog called Bobby played with him. They played and played until the last bell rang. Tom came out and saw Lucky playing with Bobby, put the chain on Lucky's neck and pulled him away. Lucky turned his head and looked at Bobby until he was out of sight. He went home tired but happy.

That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship between Lucky and Bobby. Now Bobby belongs to a little boy who later became his very good friend.

Honour certificate to Lau Ping Shue of 27, Caroline Hill Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

WHO AM I?

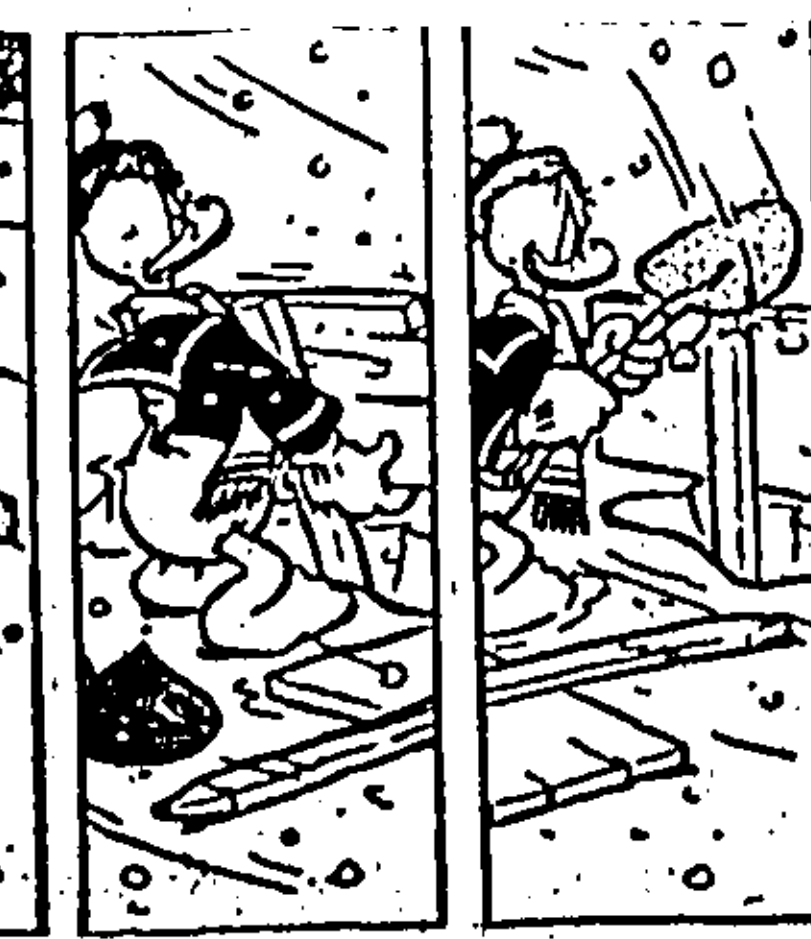
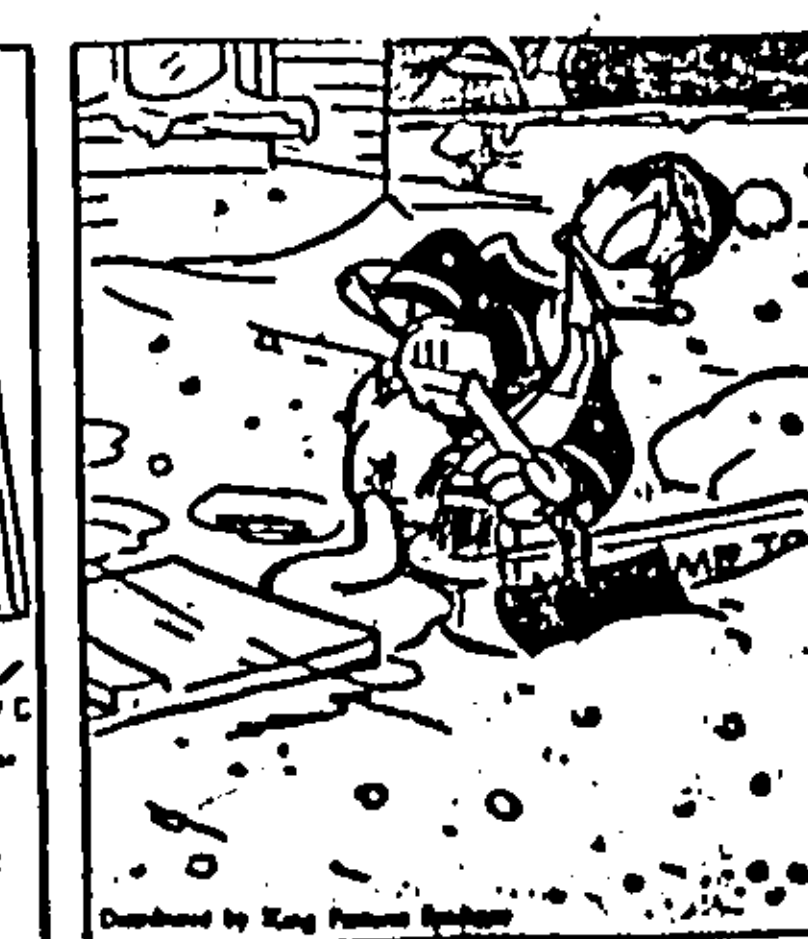
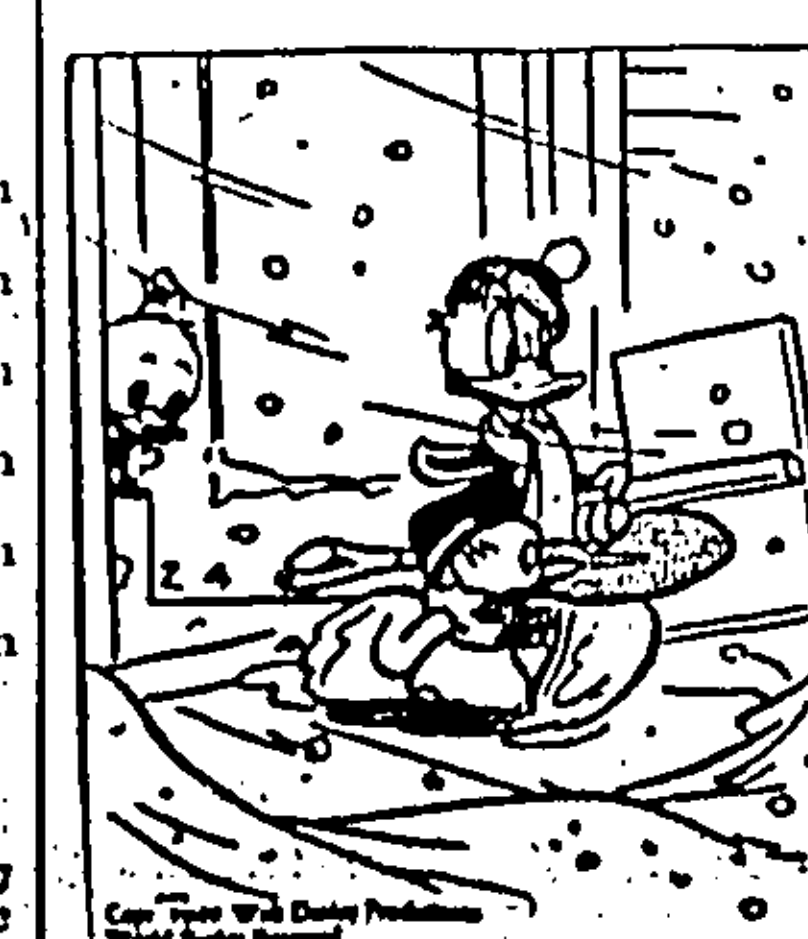
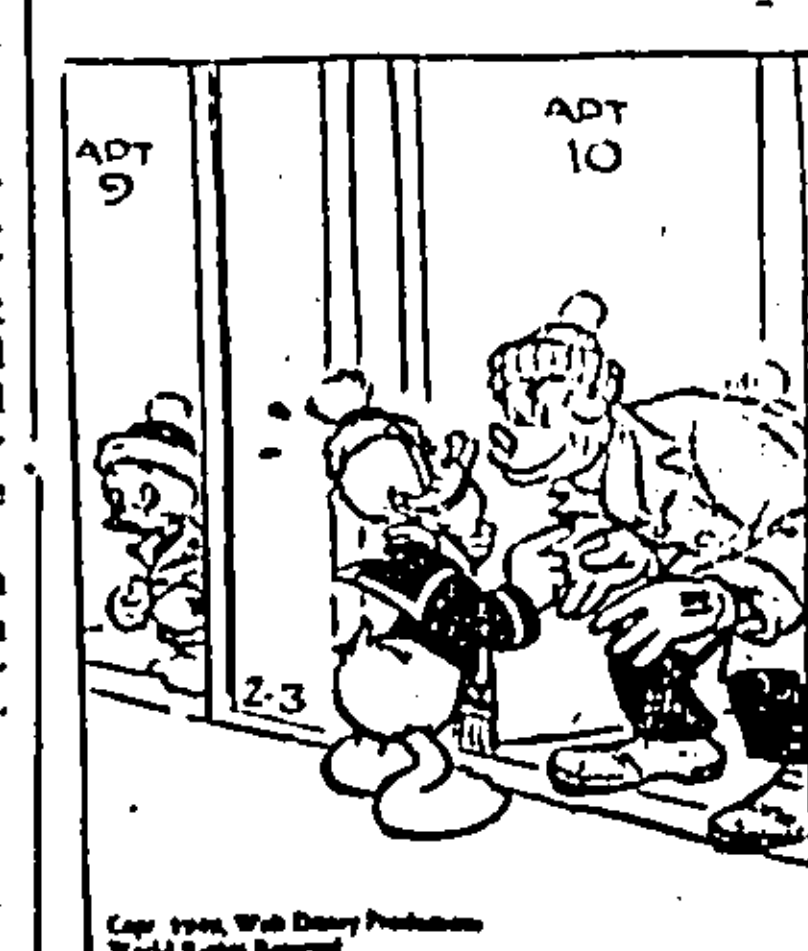
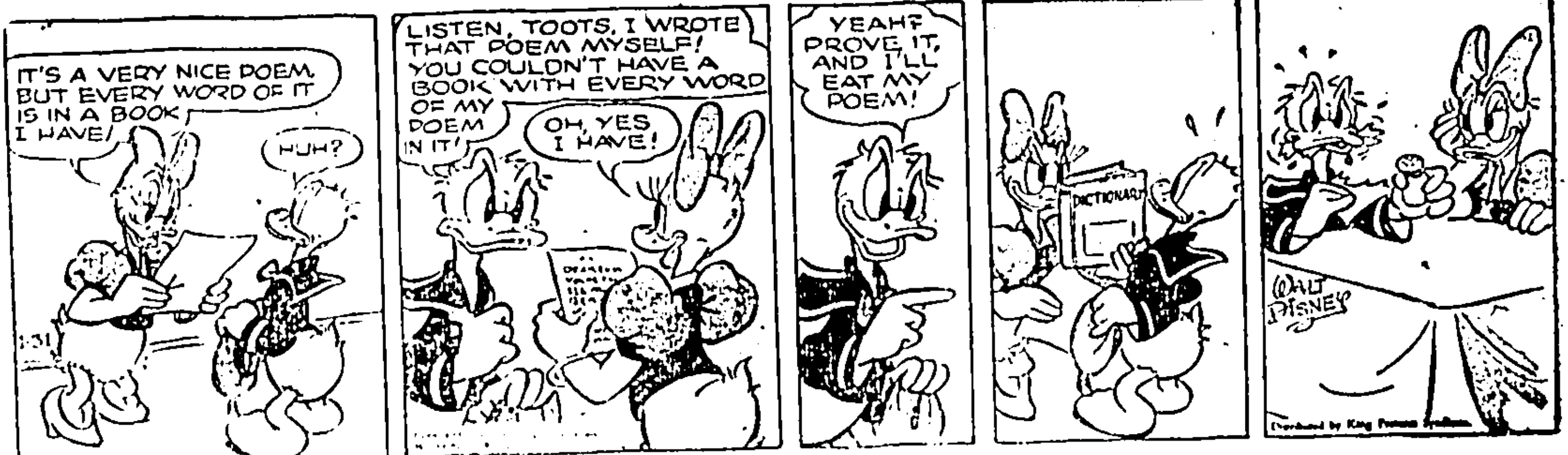
My first is in song but not in long.
My second is in night but not in light.
My third is in day and also in lay.
My fourth is in ink and also in King.
My fifth is in egg and also in leg.
My whole is in something which makes children afraid.

Answer: Snake

Honour certificate to Lau Ping Shue aged 13, of 27, Caroline Hill Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong

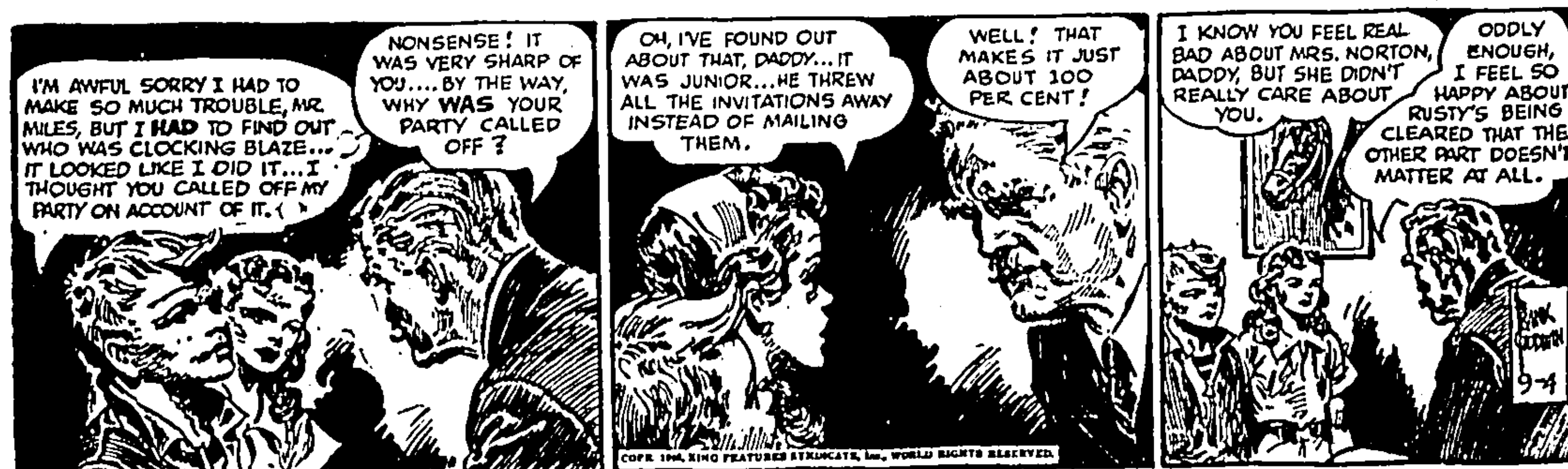
DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney.



RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin



In The Mailbag

PAUL OHIOY, to win a \$10 prize you must have points. This won't be difficult if you try hard.

ANNITA CHIU, thank you for all the lovely articles you sent in. I'm sorry I won't be able to print them all at once, but I'm keeping them safely. Hope to hear from you soon again.

ROBERT SHIU BING LAI, I'm glad to know that you are trying your very best to send in competitions. Good for you.

LAM TIM SIK, your story will appear in the "Children's Herald" very soon.

LAW PING SHUE, I like your story very much. It's very interesting, and I'm sure the other members of the club will enjoy it too. Will print it soon.

H.C.C. Members

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HOBBIES: Dancing, sewing, sports and reading stories.



UNDER THE BLACK ENSIGN

James Harkness and Caroline stared in the direction indicated by Trevor, and there, well out to sea, they beheld the trim lines of a frigate sailing under a spread of canvas that was pink-flushed in the early sunshine.

"It is the Intrepid!" Harkness cried, recognising her at once. "I know her well. Ah, if we can but attract the attention of those aboard her!"

The British warship was far out of earshot, but he stripped off his coat and waved it signal-fashion.

The look of hope soon faded from his countenance, however, for the Intrepid held on in an uninterrupted course, and it was plain the young doctor's signalling was unobserved.

"Couldn't we build a beacon?" Trevor suggested breathlessly. "We could light it by rubbing two sticks together. The blaze would be more likely to attract attention than your coat."

"It would take too long," Harkness answered with a groan. "The Intrepid would be over the horizon by the time we had collected enough dry twigs and leaves and set them afire. And that trick of rubbing two sticks together to make a flame is a lengthy business in itself."

He paused, for in turning to address Trevor his eye had chanced to fall on a number of kegs half-hidden among the foliage at the edge of the jungle, and a short distance to the right of the path from which they had stepped on to the beach.

He strode towards the undergrowth, the children following him; and he quickly discovered what those kegs held, for one of them was damaged and its contents had spilled on to the ground.

"Gunpowder!" he murmured. "Lemuel Daw and his buccaneers must have left these casks here in reserve the last time they touched the island."

Trevor had seen something else, which he stopped to examine. It was a small box containing flints

and tinder, and it gave him an idea.

"Doctor Harkness," he exclaimed, "here are the means of signalling the Intrepid! If we exploded that gunpowder it would be a surer and speedier way of attracting attention than the lighting of a beacon!"

The young surgeon was prompt to act on the suggestion. With urgent hands he laid a train of the powder that had been spilled from the cask which had been broken. Then with flint and tinder he set a spark to it, and as it began to sputter he caught hold of Caroline and Trevor and hurried them along the beach until he judged they were at a safe distance.

"Lie down!" he commanded swiftly. "Burrow into the sand and don't show so much as a hair of your heads. The shock of the explosion will pass over us harmlessly then."

Swiftly they scooped out for themselves three hollows in the beach, and it was even as they were flattening themselves within these that they heard a commotion in the depths of the jungle.

"Jabez Loudon and his men!" Caroline gasped. "They have discovered that Trevor and I are missing, and they have come seeking us!"

A feeling of tension gripped James Harkness and the children, and in the ensuing moments the men wondered whether his plan had miscarried. Perhaps, he reflected with dismay, the spark that had fired the train of powder had died out. Perhaps there would be no explosion, after all, and the Intrepid would sail on heedless of the drama being enacted on the island.

Where the kegs of gunpowder cluttered the jungle's edge, a swarm of figures suddenly appeared—the figures of Loudon and his company of buccaneers, with Bartholomew Ketch in their midst!

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Birthday Greetings

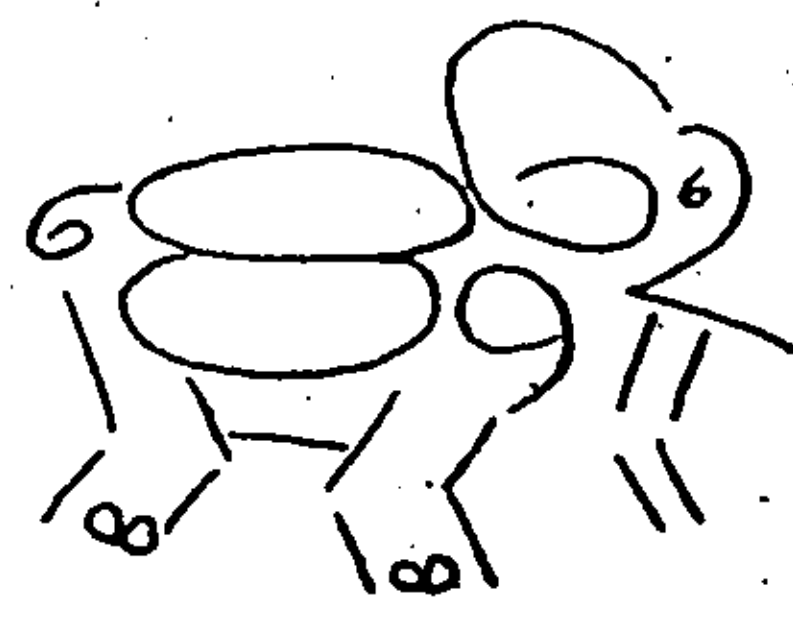
JUNIE DAVID, of 43, Conduit Road, Hong Kong will be 15 years old today.

On March 21, EDUARDO LEITAO of 2A, Hillwood Road, 1st floor, Kowloon will be 13 years old.

On March 26, SHEENA MACK-ENZIE of Gloucester Hotel, Room 324, Hong Kong and MARIA ANGELINA CASTRO of 129, Gloucester Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong will both be 11 years old.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Guess My Weight?



Find out how much the elephant weighs.....Just total all the numbers!

A Lyric

There was a young man named Saul,
Who grew so remarkably tall,
That lying in bed,
He could stretch out his leg,
And turn out the light in the hall.

Honour certificate to Kenneth Olafsen of 19B, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

WORLD SPOTLIGHT

Youth of the week was given a DISHWASHER!

A 20-YEAR-OLD British girl visiting friends in the Midland Western town of Kansas City forgot, as most British visitors to the United States do sooner or later, that traffic drives on the right.

So one day she was crossing the road quite unaware of the fact that a heavy lorry was speeding towards her. Ten-year-old George Bishop, a local lad, saw what was happening.

He tore into the road, in front of the truck, and gave the girl such a shoulder charge that she was nearly knocked flat—but she was out of the track of the lorry.

She wrote to the comedians Abbott and Costello, who usually nominate a "Youth of the Week" in their radio programme, and told them about George's heroism.

So Abbott and Costello made him their "Youth of the Week," and sent him a bicycle, an electric train, a wrist-watch, a ring, a collection of rare coins and an electric dishwasher. And Mrs. Bishop, George's mother, is to receive a radio, a vacuum cleaner and five new dresses.

India, at the moment, is planning her Constitution as a free country.

One of the articles which has just been passed seeks to forbid factory owners and coal mine owners making children under the age of 14 do the work of grown men. It is similar to the act Britain passed about 100 years ago.

The problem in India is a difficult one. Very few children go to school, and over 80 per cent. of the country's 400,000,000 population cannot read or write. Unlike Britain, there is a surplus of labour.

Families of 10 or 15 are quite common, so if children are not allowed to work till they are fourteen—when lots of them are

already married—it is a great drain on the father's purse. By sending their children into the factories at any age between 7 and 10, at cheap rates, many of the poor families greatly help the family budget.

Under the new Constitution, India hopes that families will send their children to school, so that in a generation most people will at least be able to read and write their own language.

A shark named "Jacko," who had his fourth birthday in Sydney aquarium last week, was reared from an egg laid in the aquarium by his mother soon after she was captured.

Have you ever seen a shark's eggs?

They are usually about 9 to 12 inches long. They are brown and tough like the spiky seaweed that gets washed up on the shore here, and they are spiral shaped. I have heard them described as "cock-crow" shaped. The mother shark lays them in beds of seaweed, and hangs them in it, so that they are perfectly disguised.

When the little shark is ready to hatch, he nibbles a hole in the bottom of the egg. Mum is waiting there to welcome the little fellows, and at the slightest sign of danger she opens her mouth and the children all swim straight down her throat.

Of course, they swim out again when she says "All clear!"

A very strange family is doing nicely at Coromandel, New Zealand. When a halfwild cat brought her family of five newly-born kittens to a fowl-run, a black hen at once adopted them.

She sits on them as if they were eggs or chickens, tucking them under her for warmth. The mother cat comes back regularly to feed the kittens, and only at meal times will be seen leave her adopted family.

The cat seems very pleased to have found such a devoted nurse.

Listening-Post

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PROGRAMME NEWS

TWO OF THE 'ITMA' TEAM
Two old members of the famous 'Itma' team are together again, this time in the BBC's 'Twenty Questions'. They are Clarence Wright, making his first appearance in the show, and Jack Train, long famous everywhere as the bibulous Colonel Chintrop, who is making a new reputation in this programme as a keen questioner and inspired guesser. Even Anona Winn, so frequently termed 'Psychic Clarn', is no better than Train when he really gets a hunch. At the moment, the Question-Master is Richard Dimbleby, who changes with ease from questioner to Question-Master whenever Stewart Macpherson is unable to be there. (General Overseas: Wednesday, Thursday 11.15 p.m.)

FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME
Listeners to the General Overseas Service on Friday at 7.30 p.m. can hear the distinguished novelist E. M. Forster reading the first piece of fiction he has produced since his novel 'A Passage to India' was published in 1924. The new work is a fragment, 'Entrance to an Unwritten Novel', and Mr. Forster makes some introductory remarks before his reading. E. M. Forster—he was born Llewellyn and took his mother's maiden name as a nom-de-plume—was 70 on New Year's Day.

ONE-ACT OPERA
An interesting musical programme in the General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 5.00 p.m. is taken from the BBC's Third Programme. The first item is Gustav Holst's one-act opera 'The Wandering Scholar', which is followed by the Brahms String Quartet in C minor. Holst's chamber opera was completed in 1930 and it was his sixth and last opera. The libretto, by Clifford Bax, was based on an incident in Helen Waddell's book 'The Wandering Scholars'—a work which was a constant delight to Holst, who read it again and again. Holst arranged his music for chamber orchestra; it was edited by Benjamin Britten.

'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE'
When 'Variety Calls the Tune' this week in the BBC's General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 9.15 p.m. it will be played by the BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Rae Jenkins. The soloists will be Reginald King at the piano and William Parsons, bass.

B.B.C. Highlights

Reginald King is a very frequent broadcaster, who often gives programmes with his own band, known as 'Reginald King and his Courtiers'. He is perhaps best known to a wide public as a performer and composer of light music, of which he has broadcast and recorded a very great deal.

Sunday, March 20.

General Overseas Service
P.M.
2.10 **THE RADIO DOCTOR**.
2.15 **TIME FOR WORSHIP**—from a London studio, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald O. Soper. Hymns sung by the BBC Singers.
3.15 **LISTENERS' CHOICE**.
4.30 **SUNDAY SERVICE**—from St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, London, conducted by the Rev. Frank Bishop.
8.15 **'TAKE IT FROM HERE'**—Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallis Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell.
8.45 **COLONIAL QUESTIONS**—A summary of private questions on Colonial Affairs in Parliament.
9.10 **HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN**.
9.15 **'SWEET SERENADE'**—Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra, with Carol Carr and Steve Conway.
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
10.15 **'CONCERTO'**—A series of weekly programmes. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C, played by Franz Osborn and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes Mendelssohn's Overture: Ruy Blas; and Dvorak's Scherzo Capriccioso.
11.45 **'CHURCHMEN IN PROFILE'**—A series of biographical talks on leaders of British Church life during the past 100 years. 'Bishop Chavasse of Liverpool', by his son, the Bishop of Rochester.

Monday, March 21.

Eastern Service.
P.M.
10.30 **FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME** 'Henry Irving'—A reminiscence by Philip Comyns Carr.
A.M.
10.30 Joyce Grenfell and George Benson in 'A NOTE WITH MUSIC'—with Nat Temple and his Orchestra.
P.M.
12.30 **'MUSIC OF THE FOOTLIGHTS'**—From Gilbert and Sullivan to the Present Day—with Mark Lubbock and his Orchestra and the George Mitchell Choir. Narrator: W. Macqueen Pope.
4.00 **'THE SMALL HOUSE AT ALLINGTON'**—by Anthony Trollope. Adapted for broadcasting by H. Oldfield Box. Episode 8.
4.30 **'HAVE A GO!'**—The Quiz visits the Glens of Antrim, Northern Ireland.
5.00 **'Radar'**—The story of the post-war development of Radar. Written by Martin Chisholm.
9.15 **BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA**.
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
10.15 Eris Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
11.45 **'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'**.

Tuesday, March 22.

General Overseas Service
A.M.
9.30 Naunton Wayne and Basil Radford in 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'—Comedy thriller in eight episodes by Max Kester. 6: 'Moya My Girl'.
10.30 **'OUR KIND OF MUSIC'**—sung by Sam Browne and Carole Carr, with Arthur Young and Mary McLeod at the piano.
10.45 **'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'**.
11.15 **'RING UP THE CURTAIN'**—BBC Theatre Orchestra. Conductor:

Walter Goehr. Margherita Grandi (soprano), Marko Rothmüller (baritone) in a programme of Operatic Music.

P.M.
12.30 **'VARIETY BANDBOX'**—from the Kilburn Empire, London. Frankie Howard, Ronnie Ronalds, Joyce Golding, Percy Edwards, Chick Fowler, The Aspidochelons, Alan Clive, and The Three Monarchs.
2.15 **BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA**.
4.00 **'MARCHING WITH THE ROYAL SIGNALS'**—Band of the Royal Corps of Signals. Conducted by Captain John L. Judd.
5.00 **FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME** 'The Wandering Scholar'—An opera in one Act by Gustav Holst. Libretto by Clifford Bax after an incident in 'The Wandering Scholar' by Helen Waddell. Music arranged for chamber orchestra by the composer and edited by Benjamin Britten. Margaret Ritchie (soprano), Peter Pears (tenor), Frederick Sharp and George James (baritone). The English Opera Group Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Ivan Clayton and Brahms's String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1, played by the Blech String Quartet.
6.00 **AMERICAN LETTER**—by Alistair Cooke.
9.15 **'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE'**—BBC Variety Orchestra. Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Reginald King (piano) and William Parsons (bass).
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
10.15 **'VARIETY BANDBOX'**—(See 12.30).
11.15 **'BOOKS TO READ'**.
11.30 **'IN MY LIBRARY'**—by E. M. Forster.
11.45 **REPORT FROM BRITAIN**—A weekly talk by Vernon Bartlett.

Wednesday, March 23.

Eastern Service.
P.M.
10.30 **'THE BRAINS TRUST'**—Resident Team: Compton Mackenzie, F. C. Hooper, and Mrs. M. A. Hamilton. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.
General Overseas Service
A.M.
9.30 **'MUCH-BINDING - IN - THE - MARCH'**.
10.00 **'THE STORYTELLER'**—'The Hunting Cry', written and read by H. R. Jukes.
11.15 **'TWENTY QUESTIONS'**—Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Clarence Wright, who ask all the questions; and Richard Dimbleby who knows all the answers.
4.00 **'MUCH-BINDING - IN - THE - MARCH'**.
4.30 **'RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY'**.
5.00 **'CONCERTO'**—A series of weekly programmes. Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K.191, and Gordon Jacob's Bassoon Concerto played by Archie Camden and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes Cimarosa's Overture: The Impresario; William Walton's Prelude and Spillane Fugue from the incidental music for the film, 'The First of the Few'; Wagner's Forest Murmurs (Siegfried).
8.45 **'MELODY MIXTURE'**—Jack Byfield and his Players.
9.15 **BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA**—Conductor: Ian Whyte.
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
11.45 **COLONIAL COMMENTARY**—by Professor W. M. McMillan.

Thursday, March 24.

A.M.
11.45 **'THIRTY YEARS OF BRITISH JAZZ'**—Presented by Hector Stewart.

P.M.
1.00 **SCOTTISH LEAGUE v ENGLISH LEAGUE**—Association Football: an eye-witness account of yesterday's match.
4.00 **'IN BRITAIN NOW'**—A National Magazine.
5.00 **SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE**—Second talk by Anthony Barnett on the importance of clean food.
7.15 **BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA**—Conductor: Mansel Thomas.
8.15 **CELEBRITY RECITAL** Louis Kentner (piano).
Sonata in F, Op. 54.....Beethoven
Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61.....Chopin
Au bord d'une source.....Liszt
9.15 **'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'**—Low Stone and his Orchestra with the Moonstones and Pearl Carr.
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
10.15 **BRITISH CONCERT HALL**—LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Keep this page for use during the week.

Conducted and presented by Clarence Raybould.
A Comedy Overture.....Harty
Suite: 'The Sea'.....Frank Bridge
Fantasy Overture: 'Hamlet'.....Tchaikovsky
11.15 **'TWENTY QUESTIONS'**.
11.45 **'SPECIAL DISPATCH'**.

Friday, March 25.

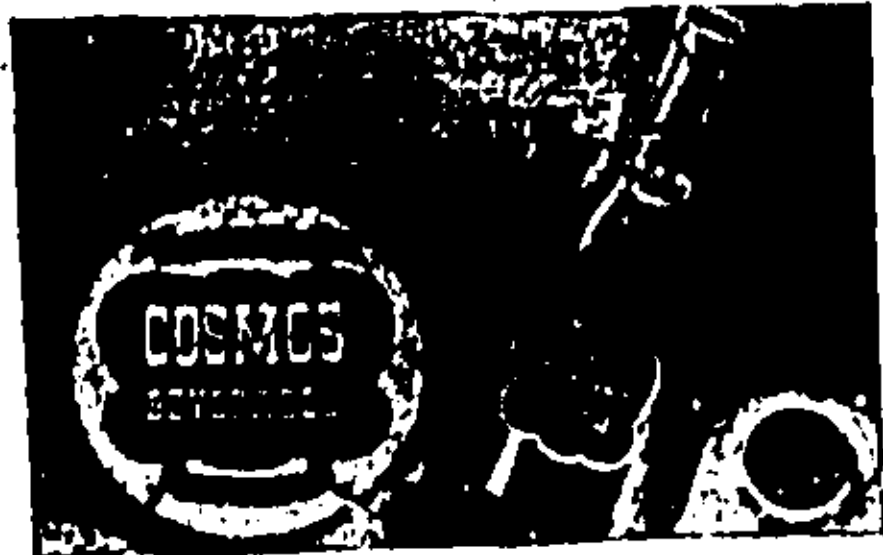
General Overseas Service
A.M.
10.00 **'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'**.
11.15 **BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**—Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. Paul Tortelier (violin). Concerto in B minor for violin and orchestra.....Dvorak.
P.M.
2.15 **'MUSIC FOR DANCING'**—Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.
4.00 **'THE MAORIS'**—A Study of a People—by D. G. Bridson. This programme tells the story of the Maoris of New Zealand, their traditions, their culture, and their way of life. It includes recordings specially made in New Zealand, and shows how completely this ancient race has adapted itself to life in the modern world.
5.30 **CELEBRITY RECITAL** Pierre Fournier (violin) and Solomon (piano).
Sonata in A, Op. 69.....Beethoven
6.00 **PLEASURE FROM BOOKS**—A talk by James Langham on Dorothy Sayers' novels, illustrated by readings.
7.30 **FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME** 'Entrance to an Unwritten Novel'—E. M. Forster, who was 70 on January 1, makes some introductory remarks to his reading of this fragment—the first piece of fiction he has produced since his novel 'A Passage to India', published in 1924.
8.45 **'WORK AND WORSHIP'**—A programme for workers in the mission field, including a talk on present-day conditions in China and a short devotional service.
11.45 **WORLD AFFAIRS**—A survey by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.

Saturday, March 26.

P.M.
12.30 **LISTENERS' CHOICE**.
2.10 **HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN**.
4.30 **'TWENTY QUESTIONS'**.
5.45 **MARY MUNN** (Canadian pianist).
6.30 **'MASTERS OF DESIGN'**—Cesar Franck's an illustrated talk by Roger Fluke.
7.15 **OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE**—A commentary by John Snagge.
9.15 **PERCIVAL MACKEY**—and his Orchestra.
10.00 **RADIO NEWSREEL**.
10.15 **SATURDAY SPORT**—including commentaries on Soccer, F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

All Times Are H.K. Standard Time

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1949.



Lane Norcott

Dept. of stumped

Sometimes, Elinor, we feel that we can no longer write these little pieces in the newspaper. The technical difficulties of our Art have become too great.

For example, suppose that in a clumsy attempt to satirise life as it is planned for us today we were to write a far-fetched piece about our favourite butt, the Ministry of Food, suggesting most ridiculously (1) that it is importing for dollars a fat substitute made from sand; (2) that this incredible mess looks exactly like brown varnish; (3) that it contains naphtha, a highly inflammable coal-tar liquid; and (4) that, carelessly handled, it can blow up the kitchen.

Would you not promptly dismiss us, Elinor, as a heavy-handed slapstick only?

Yet you would be woefully wrong, for all four of those seemingly wild statements are true.

In conclusion, we offer you this further example of the hopelessness of our position. It has been said of this repulsive fat substitute (its name is silicone, by the way) that "it makes the loaves very glossy, and gives an attractive finish. It is non-poisonous and does not affect the taste of the bread."

Well, are those the words of a gourmet and Government food expert, or did we make them up?

A Man's Work Is Never Done

In an emergency every man should be able to roll up his sleeves and unstop a sink (writes Domesticated George, bustling into the kitchen with his arms full of tools and laying them out on the bread-board in a workman-like manner).

First try to remove the obstruction by poking it with some flexible object (advises Domesticated George, thrusting the handle of the toasting-fork down the waste-pipe and getting it firmly wedged round a bend). Fare thee well; and if for ever, still for ever, fare thee well!

The whole art of plumbing is to clear a good wide space for action (adds Domesticated George, snatching up the coffee-pot and deftly knocking off the spout on a tap). Only then is it possible for the craftsman to exercise his skill to the full.

Never rush to answer the postman while your finger's down the damned little plug-hole, or you may lose a nail! (warns Domesticated George, staring aghast at a final demand for the Water Rate). Honestly, it never rains but it pours.

Always look first before putting your head into that hideous little black hole of Calcutta under the sink! (warns Domesticated George, crashing his skull on a pail full of brushes and giving himself a woundy great bump on the eyebrow). Oh, the pain, the bliss of dying!

Only an abject drivelling idiot would deliberately tamper with a devilish, unmovable, dunder-headed draining plug! (shouts Domesticated George, neatly knocking it off with a chisel and filling his shirt with greasy potato peelings). How wonderful is Death, Death, and his brother Sleep!

Domesticated George (who, it can now be revealed, was almost beside himself with anguish and fury) then sped across the kitchen, shaking himself like a wet spaniel, and would have been just in the nick of time to hide from the memabills, if he hadn't tumbled over an empty con-sculture that somebody had put outside the door for him to fill.

NEWS QUIZ

- Under the taxation increases proposed in Legislative Council on Wednesday, local postage rates are to be raised. What will it cost you in future to post (a) a letter, and (b) a postcard?
- Temporary accommodation for Civil Servants in 25 bungalow apartments is to be erected. Where?
- A Chinese Government organisation has decided to impeach a former Premier. What organisation is it and who is the ex-Premier?
- The Karen rebels in Burma have scored a notable success this past week in capturing a town mentioned in Kipling's verse. What town is it?
- The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is to make one of his rare trips out of Britain this month. Where is he going and why?
- The bearer of a famous name in Britain is to apply for exemption from inheritance restrictions. Who is he—or she?

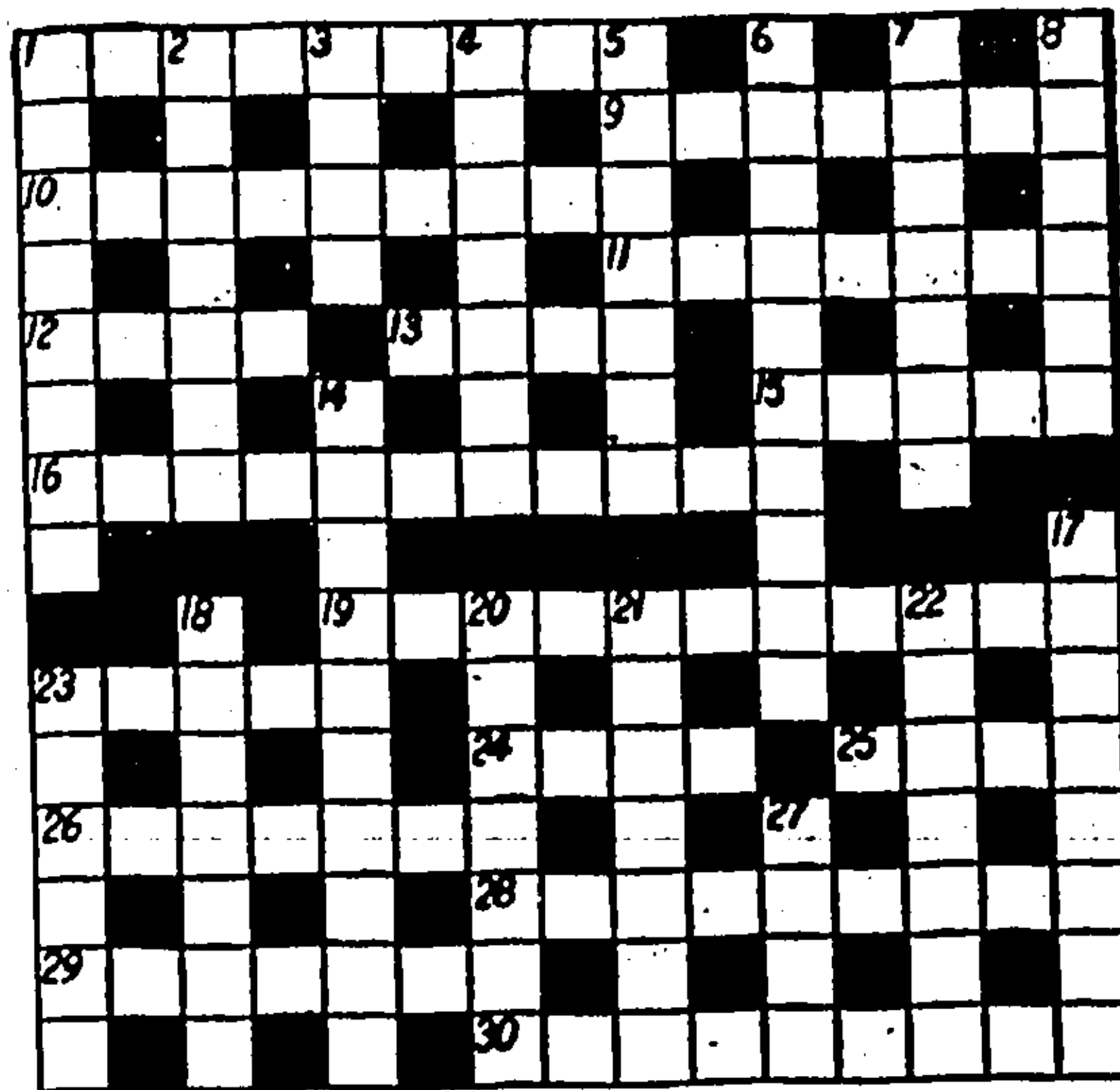
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Believe it or not, there are railways that run over mountains over 15,000 feet high. Where?
- You've all heard of Stonehenge, famous for its monoliths, but do you know what county it is in?
- And here's another one on English historical remains. Where does Hadrian's Wall run?
- "Survival of the fittest" is a common enough saying. But who wrote it?
- St. Patrick was not born in Ireland but was taken there as a slave from—?
- What are the only portions of the Dukedom of Normandy still belonging to England?

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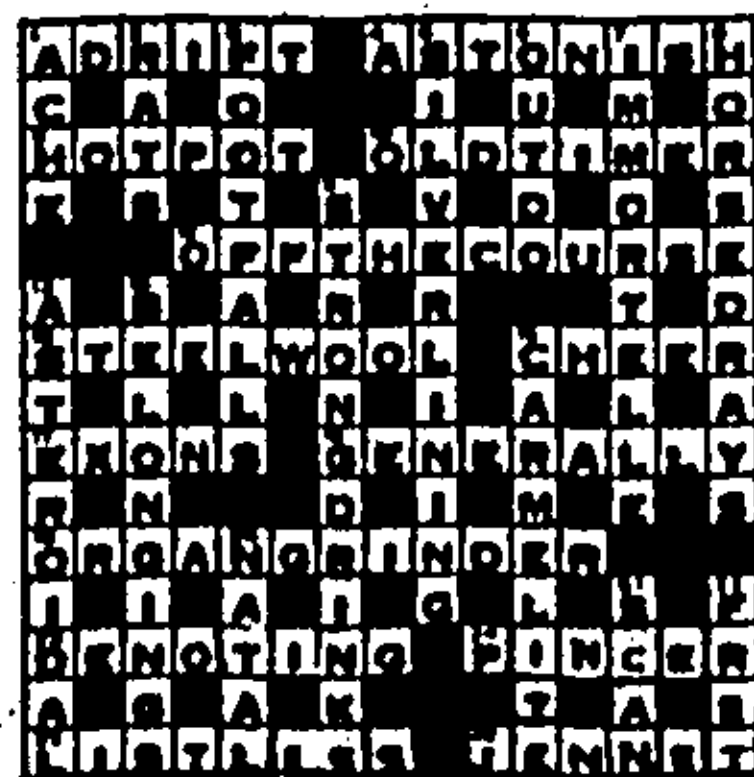
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Across

- Though it's not devoted to dance music, one may get one or two steps here. (8, 7)
- A Buckingham Palace post, perhaps. (5, 4)
- The time when one gets grey hair? (4, 3)
- Christopher Sly reckoned him up. (4)
- It is explosive when on fire. (4)
- A statue of some antiquity, it seems. (5)
- Increasing strength. (11)

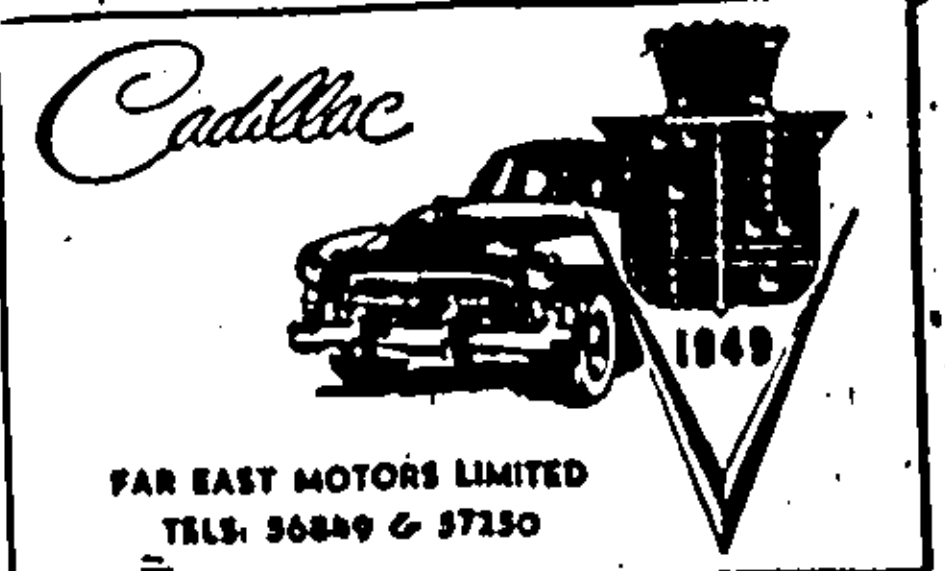
SOLUTION TO NO. 98.



- First woman hurried then the northern tribe gets on. (4, 3, 4)
- This pipe is exhausting. (5)
- Deserve a Scottish river. (4)
- He is a brute and therefore in retreat. (4)
- De Morgan's novel was so good. (7)
- A novice has fish here for a change. (9)
- Nice people, but often hooked. (7)
- But this musician was not the novelist's husband. (5, 4)

Down

- They may be told to set to. (8)
- The games we had. (7)
- "Precept deep for dressing—or shoeing horses" (Praed). (4)
- Not the first born emmet; it's hard. (7)
- Equino astronomical event which was first in May, 1789. (7)
- So one may live. (2, 8)
- Secure a route for escape. (7)
- One of the 3 inset, perhaps, is an essayist. (6)
- Blitzed home of the 1 across, 9. (6, 4)
- This even makes Venus red. (8)
- A motor park in the underground? (7)
- It sounds as though I get clean. (7)
- He is probably a 22 without it. (7)
- See 21. (7)
- Delays to draw. (6)
- A monkey's worth twenty of it. (4)



BRIDGE

When the declarer and his dummy hold 11 cards in a suit and K x are outstanding, the play for the drop or the finesse is so nearly an open chance that one should be guided by inferences on distribution. In addition to these inferences there is sometimes an interesting safety play which should also be considered. It occurred on these North-South hands:

South.	North.
S x	S A J 10 9
H A x	H Q J x
D A x x	D K x
C A Q x x x x	C J x x x

Both rival teams reached a contract of Six Clubs by South in a match, and both failed to make this contract after the lead by West of a small Spade. Trick 1 was taken by the Ace of Spades. At trick 2 a Spade was led to East's King, which was ruffed. And now how should the hand be played? The contract should be made.

After three rounds of Diamonds, North, after ruffing the third round, should lead a Club, and if East follows suit take the finesse! This is a safety play because if West's (singleton) King wins, any lead by West will give the declarer his contract. A Spade will kill the Queen, a Heart will kill the King, and a Diamond will give a ruff and a discard.

Actually both teams missed this safety play and played to doop the King of Clubs. East held Clubs K x and later made his King and led a Heart through South's A x to West's King, thereby defeating the contract.

The finesse was necessary to keep East off the lead, yet expert declarers, concentrating on the 52/48 chance of a successful finesse, missed this neat safety play. Whether the finesse succeeds or fails the result is the same.

Working Population

Some 1,000,000 men and women of 60 and over in the U.K. are either working or available for work.

This is one of the new facts revealed in official manpower returns published recently.

Hitherto people over pensionable age were not included in these manpower figures which were calculated on the basis of workpeople insured under the old unemployment insurance act. For latest returns however the Ministry of Labour has adopted a far more comprehensive basis calculated on the number of contributions under national insurance scheme which comprises the bulk adult population.

On this basis the total working population is shown to be more than 23,000,000 compared with about 20,300,000 on the old basis.

The difference is in part accounted for by older age groups and indoor domestic servants who together total about 1,500,000. This leaves about 1,000,000 people previously unaccounted for. Figures are due says the Ministry to more accurate assessment of working population and to inclusion of a number of people in 'inconsiderable employment' that is, men and women who worked for such a small proportion of their time that they were not included in old returns.



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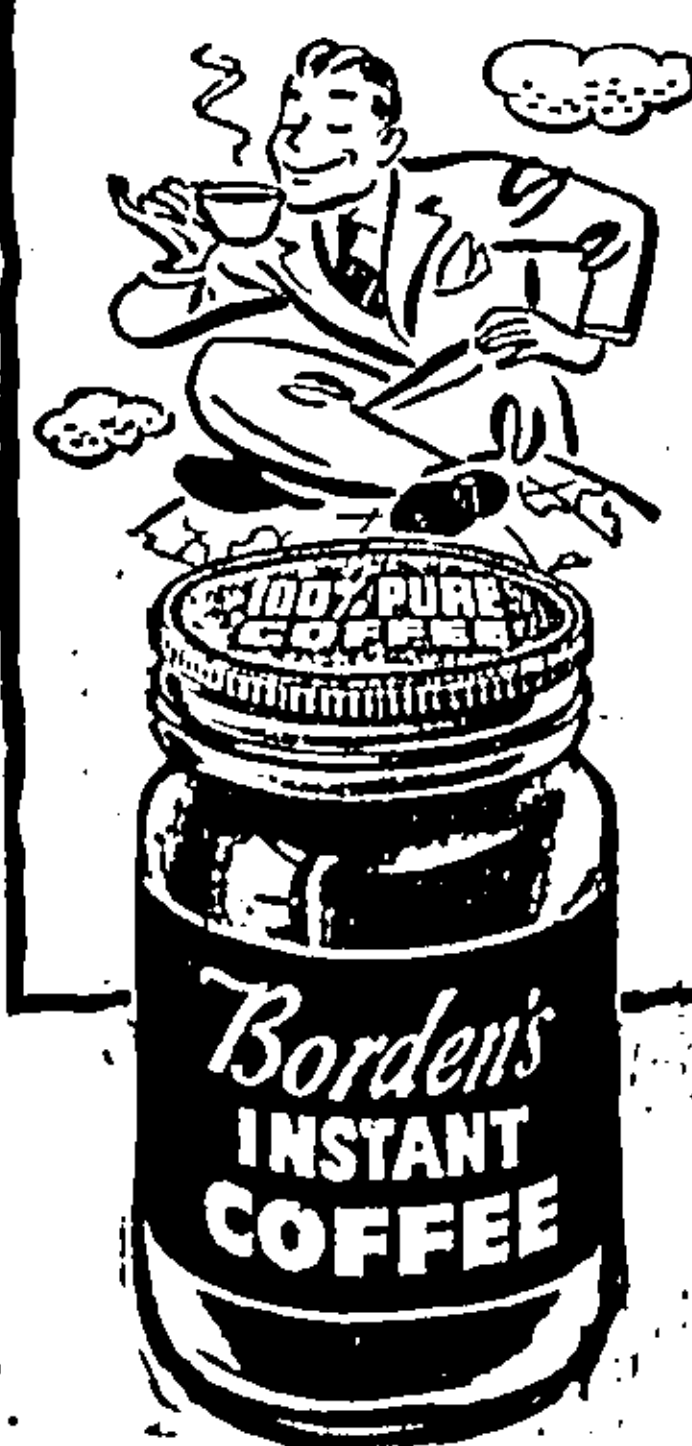
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BURMA GOVERNMENT FACING COLLAPSE

London, March 18.

Rebel forces, with virtually all Burma in their hands, today control the road to Mandalay, and the old Moumein pagoda of Kipling's poem is ringed with barbed wire and machine-gun emplacements.

The fall of Rangoon, capital of Burma, is believed to be only a matter of time now that the Karen rebels have taken Mandalay.

WATER'S THREAT TO GIANT DAM

Karachi, March 18.

Water, washing away mortar, is threatening to undermine the £10,000,000, mile-long Lloyd Barrage across the river Indus at Sukkur, in the Sind.

This was announced by the Sind Prime Minister, Mr. H. Haroon, who said the water is going through voids found inside some of the piers after the discovery of cracks in the barrage in January.

He disclosed that Professor Hellstrom, Dean of the Department of Civil Engineering at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, had been invited to give his advice on the problem.

Professor Hellstrom is at present in Pakistan preparing hydro-electric schemes for the Dominion.

The Lloyd Dam was completed in 1932.

It is part of one of the world's largest irrigation schemes, and millions of acres of rich farmland, dependent on it for water supplies, will suffer if it bursts.

—Reuter.

Communist Activity In Canada

Ottawa, March 18.

The Opposition leader, Mr. George Drew, told the press today that there are Communists in the Canadian forces, giving information to the Russian Embassy.

He said hundreds of Communists move freely around this country, enlisting in various units of the defence forces.

"There is not very much doubt about the fact that the Russian Embassy is fully informed," said Mr. Drew, adding, however, that it is impossible to tell in what numbers the Communists are enlisting.

"I know there are Communists in the reserve units and I have no doubt it would be a natural thing for them to enlist," United Press.

U.S. COMMUNISTS ON TRIAL

New York, March 19.

A Negro housewife, who is a part-time dressmaker, has been chosen foreman of the jury which is to try 11 American Communist leaders here on charges of conspiracy.

The jury includes three Negroes. For seven weeks the defence delayed selection of the jury in trying to prove that juries in New York were not representative and that many groups of citizens were discriminated against.—Reuter.

Israeli Demands On Akaba Force

Tel-Aviv, March 18.

The Israel Government has demanded either complete withdrawal, or a marked reduction, of British forces in Transjordan.

The Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Office, Dr. Walter Eytan, said this tonight.

He told a meeting of newspaper directors that the Israeli delegation now negotiating the armistice with Transjordan in Rhodes had made the demand.

Israel would insist that British forces be reduced to conform with any troop reductions agreed by both sides at Rhodes, unless Britain is prepared to withdraw entirely, he said.

An Israeli spokesman asserted earlier today that British troops in Transjordan are holding up the armistice settlement.

"We shall have to be reassured about the intentions of the British troops at Akaba

before we agree to reduce our own forces in the area," he stated.

In Rhodes, the Israel-Transjordan armistice talks were adjourned until Monday, the United Nations Commission announced, to enable the delegations to consult their Governments on an agreed list of outstanding questions.

These include the armistice lines in the Eastern Negev sector West of the Dead Sea, and in various individual sectors near Jerusalem.

The armistice terms are nearly complete. A high United Nations official said he is very pleased with the results so far.—Reuter.

ENERGY HARNESSSED



Food from all the world—food, the basic source of energy for all living things—comes to you in Hong Kong, via the Dairy Farm, in wholesome, healthy abundance... as you place your daily order in the nearest Dairy Farm store, remember the lean years just passed—remember that only by constant hard work and organization can we harness the world's energy to produce the good things in life; among the most important is healthy, wholesome, abundant FOOD.

THE DAIRY FARM

MANDALAY GETS ITS FIRST BOMBING RAID

Rangoon, March 18.

Burmese planes last night flew to Mandalay to drop bombs upon Karen positions inside the sacred shrine-studded city 500 miles North of Rangoon.

Mandalay is occupied by Karens and Communists, and planes bombed the fort area where the Karens are reported to be concentrated.

Rangoon newspapers reported that the Karens during the raid sheltered in Buddhist temples, whence they directed anti-aircraft fire on the raiders.

This was the first bombing of Mandalay in the Government's "internal security operations" against the rebels.

Later today Burmese troops stood ready for the expected counter-attack against the rebels at Mandalay.

A Government statement said that fighting has commenced in several parts of the city, principally on the outskirts where the Karens have now withdrawn.

Rico Centre Attacked

In Southern Burma, according to the communists, Government forces are raiding Karen and Mon strongholds.

They met opposition 17 miles North of the coastal port of Moulmein.

Here, 85 of the "enemy" were killed and more than 200 wounded.

Rebel activity in the Irrawaddy Delta was also reported in the communiqué, which told of a combined Karen and Communist attack upon the rice distribution centre of Pantanaw, midway between Rangoon and Bassein.

The communiqué said that Government forces had a two-day clash with Karens opposite the town of Tawn on the Tawne Canal linking Rangoon with the rice-growing delta. — Associated Press.

ANOTHER BIG LOAN TO JEWS

Washington, March 19.

The U.S. Government's Export-Import Bank made a \$5 million loan to Israel today, its third since January 19.

This one is to be used for a low cost housing programme on the outskirts of Haifa and Tel Aviv.

This brings the total loans to \$40,000,000 with another \$54,000,000 set aside for further aid. The new credit will be used to buy structural steel, timber, construction equipment and household fixtures in the United States.

The bank said that Israel has agreed to add at least \$15,000,000 in local funds for construction.

About 15,000 housing units are expected to be completed by private Israeli contractors under the general supervision of the Government, the bank said.

The bank said that the loan will speed up the process of absorption into productive economy of Israel's immigrants.

The credit bears 3.5 per cent interest repayable in 15 years. — Associated Press.

Labour MP's Forecast On Malaya

London, March 17.

A forecast that the guerilla fighters in Malaya will be brought under control by the end of the year is made by Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour Member of Parliament, in a despatch from Malaya published tonight in the left wing "New Statesman."

After reviewing the development of the fighting so far, he wrote: "The end of it all? This can only be guesswork—a guesswork which may be thrown out by unpredictable developments in China. But broadly, by the end of the year, there should only be the occasional shooting incident."

The ultimate shape of Malayan progress will depend on future British policy.

Mr. Wyatt suggested that if British planters leave Malaya, other non-European managers could be put in, British control maintained from London and the towns of Malaya, and production kept at 75 to 80 per cent of the present figure.—Reuter.

PICKLED PIGS DIED OF IT

Williamston, North Carolina, March 18.

Whisky from an illegal still here was not fit to throw to a hog, officers said today.

In fact, they added, four pickled pigs, who had made hogs of themselves in the mess, died of acute alcoholism.—United Press.

Capetown Request For Repayment

Capetown, March 19.

The South African Government has decided to exercise its right to ask Britain to repay in sterling so much of its £80 million gold loan as may be required from time to time to meet the deficits in South Africa's balance of payment with the sterling area.

The South African Treasury announced this today.

The Treasury statement said: "In accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 of the gold loan agreement and with a view to maintaining the Reserve Bank's sterling balances at what are regarded as minimum working balances for its exchange operations, the Union Government has decided to exercise its right to call upon the United Kingdom to repay in sterling so much of the gold loan as may be required by the Reserve Bank from time to time to meet the net deficit in the Union's balance of payments with the sterling area."

"An initial amount of £5 million was thus drawn by the Reserve Bank last week. Further amounts will be drawn as and when required by the Reserve Bank."

"These drawings represent the automatic use of a provision against an eventuality which was foreseen at the time of the negotiations which led to the conclusion of the gold loan agreement."

A warning that Britain will be asked to repay some of the gold loan in sterling was made by a spokesman of the South African Reserve Bank on March 15.

He said that the Union's gold holdings have dropped to a low figure and its sterling balances are almost exhausted.—Reuter.

Istanbul, March 17.

Sixteen were killed and 17 critically injured in the crash of a lorry loaded with passengers near Tarsus, Southern Turkey, press reports said today.—Associated Press.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

Latest Fashion Points

The drawings you see here by Francis Marshall give you an idea of the latest fashion points to look for in your new clothes. Very soon the wholesale manufacturers will have coats, dresses, and tailormades in your favourite stores which incorporate the "Big Ten" fashion houses of London.



By Iris Ashley

Your new suit should be slim and classic in effect. The jacket to be "crisp" length and the shoulders slightly padded. Large pockets or big collars for decoration. Skirts have a slim outline but have side pleating or back fullness. In the latter case there should be a little matching fullness at the back of the jacket. Dry dresses nearly all having a feature of the neckline. The soft fold is the most favoured, with a high "Regency" collar a close second.

Some skirts have surly pleats; some are very straight, with the line broken by draping at the side, and some have a pencil-slim skirt with a self-material overskirt. This last idea allows for a slit in the tight-sewing underskirt at the back, for easier walking. This overskirt is especially pretty for a light-weight silk dress; it catches the air and flows gracefully as you walk.

Evening dresses give you plenty of choice. The sleek neckline, single shoulder, straps, and the strapless bodice all make their appearance. But what there is a full skirt, the fullness starts below the hips, and no longer escapes directly from the tight, small waist.

Hemlines for suits or sports clothes are mid-calf in length. For more formal occasions they are slightly longer and often have a fullness of falling drapery or a dipping at the back. Evening dresses in the London collections were still as long as can be worn with comfort... and sometimes longer!

- Key to the star turns:
1. DIGBY MORTON'S navy barthea suit, with navy-and-white striped "marx" shirting blouse.
 2. HARRY ABIES' grey more after noon dress.
 3. NORMAN HARTENLL'S black tuffetas with a fine net top giving a strapless effect.
 4. MOLYNEUX'S printed silk with the overskirt.
 5. VICTOR STIEBLE'S navy-blue wool suit with white pique collar and cuffs. (Note what he calls "pigtail" fullness at the back)

Ann Temple Unfriendly Home

I live at home with my two sisters. They have barely spoken to me for years. If I speak they take no notice. We sit at meals in silence.

I have tried hard to be friendly, but they won't meet me. I have friends and outside interests, so it's only at week-ends that I see much of them. But I would do anything to make a better atmosphere in my home. I can't have a place of my own. It's impossible to find anywhere. I must stay on and I want to carry out my profession as a Christian. What can I do to put things right?—JEAN.

Don't expect friendliness simply because they are your sisters. Blood relationship does not ensure compatibility. Often it is the very cause of friction. Emotions aroused by rivalry and competition while growing up together persist, and the very keeping to the pattern of the

family brings a consciousness of fetters and frustration. You often see grown-up members of a family better friends when living apart. They are free to change and develop their separate individualities, so have "room" for each other. It's a pity you can't take this way out. As it is, the solution depends on you alone. It's useless to expect from your sisters more than they are willing to give. I doubt whether they would take it from you that good manners make all human relationships easier and more pleasant.

Your best ally is honesty—honesty with yourself. Pretend nothing. Avoid superficial tact. In this close relationship, what is thought, what is felt, speaks loudest. If you can feel patient and sympathetic, good. But don't use them simply because they are Christian principles. The

TWO WAYS OF LOOKING

By CLAUDIA

In one of my favourite autobiographies the author, wise in the ways of men, women and the world, comments on a young girl at a party.

It is right for her to be gay and have a good time, but when she comes home, she should regard her own appearance and behaviour with the same critical scrutiny which noted every little detail of her companions.

How true! We are often very acute in noticing... and sometimes commenting on... the shortcomings of others. But we are apt to look at ourselves through rose-tinted spectacles, glossing over those detractions which we notice so very clearly in others.

It's much the same as the fond mother, watching with indulgent eyes the bad behaviour of her own brood, while noting, with a sharp eye, the shortcomings of other people's children. To be beautiful to the best of your capacity, to be well dressed and well groomed, you simply must see yourself as your most critical rival would see you.

Sombody Will Notice
If you know perfectly well that your slip is showing, that your hair needs shampooing, or that your frock is an unfortunate choice which would have been more suitable on someone 10 years younger, it's not a bit of good kidding yourself that nobody else will notice. They will.

Also, if you know these things and don't kid yourself, you'll only be self-conscious and probably develop a quite unnecessary inferiority complex. So take off those dream spectacles and take a good, honest look. Imagine what you would think if you were someone else. Then you'll get to do something about it.

Some girls get so much satisfaction out of looking at a pretty face in the dressing table mirror that they forget about the figure that goes with it. Other people see the total ensemble, figure included.

Cluck up on the way you walk, see that you hold yourself well and pull that tummy in! Start a course of keep fit exercises and get nearer to the measurements of the modern Venus as portrayed by Miss Ava Gardner in "Universal-International's" "One Touch of Venus."

Improving On Nature
Don't forget that there are a thousand and one ways of improving on nature, of gliding the lily... and it's what you like. All you have to do is learn the tricks for your own particular problems. Go and take the advice of an expert. Let her show you what a specially thought-out make-up can do. You will be surprised... pleasantly, I'm sure.

If it's on clothes that your taste always seems to let you down, the answer is just this. Don't be too proud to rely on the advice of good friend who has dress sense. Or place your dress problems unreservedly in the hands of a couturier who will design for you. Some of us are born with an instinctive fashion sense. It can be Christian way of settling this problem would certainly be the intelligent way. I can find no where in Christian ethics an injunction to sacrifice the individuality to the family. Through wisdom, right-timing, sensitivity to the requirements of the others you may in time break down your sisters' inhibited resistance. Hard going — but worth trying.



A charming polka dot voile blouse by Eric Hart, with long bishop sleeves and Peter Pan collar.

RECIPE

Eggs With Green Peppers

4 eggs, 2 tablespoons milk, 1 dessertspoon butter, salt, pepper, 1 green capsicum.

Cut the capsicum in half. Remove the fibre and seeds and drop into boiling water. Cook for five minutes, drain and cut into discs. Beat the eggs until frothy. Add the milk, salt and pepper. Place in the top of a double saucepan with the butter and stir over boiling water until the mixture commences to cook around the sides. Add the chopped pepper and stir constantly until the eggs are creamy. Serve piled on buttered toast.

Fashions Getting Funnier

Fashions get "curiouser and curiouser." Here is a fashion so new that it hasn't yet been christened.

It is the "crocheted" day dress designed by Matilda Etches which takes 6,800 yards of coupon-free crocheted cotton (almost four miles), and which was shown for the first time yesterday.

Miss Etches expects women will prefer it to a knitted dress because it is so cool looking and because it is unlikely to stretch.

Here are some recent additions to the dress vocabulary.

"Giraffe" neckline... a very high neckline. It appears mainly on sweaters.

"Pie-Line" ... an ultra-New Look design for dresses and blouses launched by New York. Instead of a narrow, plunging neckline, the "Pie-Line" neck spreads out in a broad "V" to the tip of the shoulders.

The "Parazilla" ... dresses and coats based on the ease and grace of native Moroccan dress. Skirts are slashed to show underskirts, sleeves are short, draped and caught up on the shoulders. "Pigtail" skirt... a skirt in which the materials, like hair, is brushed smoothly to the back, caught up neatly and then dropped like a pigtail.

"Fragonard" back... dresses where fullness at the back falls from neckline to hem, veiling the shape of the body.

"Peacock" line... dresses for day and evening which clear the ankles in front and at the back slip into a slight train that trails the ground.

"Cool-Tops" or "Cold-Shoulders" dresses... dresses which bare the shoulders or have only very narrow straps.

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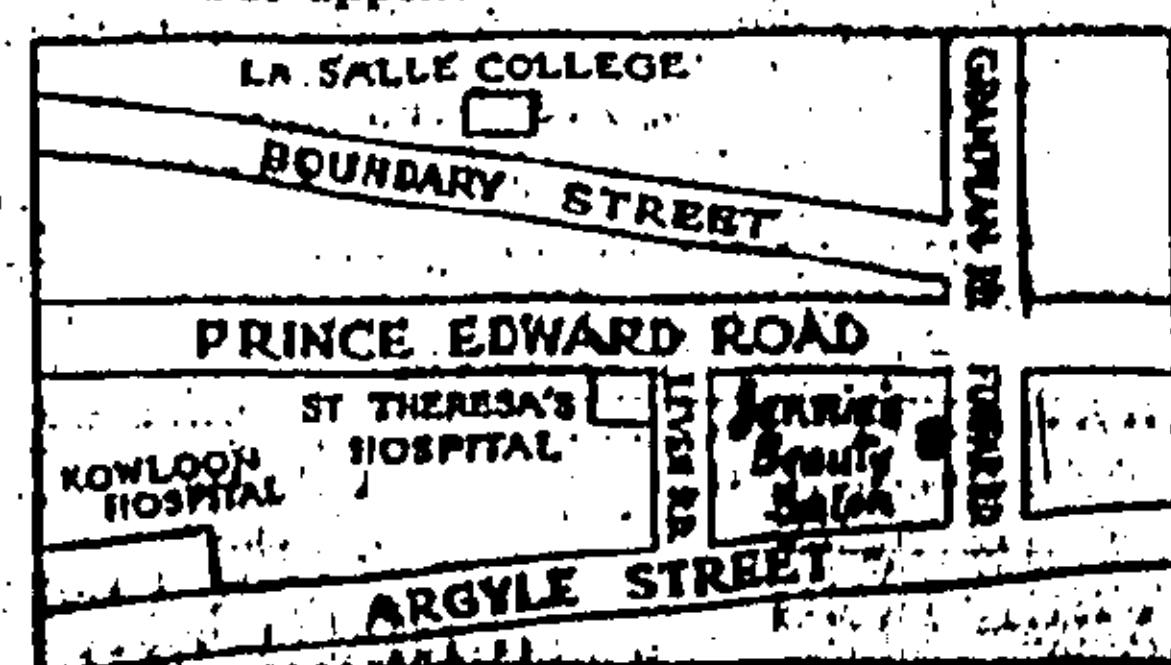


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Between Ourselves: FEMININE TRENDS CONTINUE

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Joseph Halpert's full skirted brown silk organdie gown features a spring-like touch—two orange flowers caught in the velvet sash.

Clare Potter adds back interest to an almond green wool coat with a long felt belt tied in a bow. It doubles as a belt.

Reminiscent of the Three Musketeers is Adele Simpson's navy jacquard taffeta suit with peplum jacket, diagonal hip pocket flaps and flaring cuffs.

By Barbara E. Scott Fisher

New York fashions make their entrance with an air of feminine delicacy. Instead of striding in boldly, they assume a more subtle character, and approach their objectives with rather astonishing finesse.

Fashions are facile, amenable to your requirements. A dress, for example, isn't always merely a dress. It's quite likely to be a coat as well.

A redingote is ready to drop its proper look at a moment's notice and disclose a gay, gingham sun dress. A practical daytime print dress, with the removal of its almost imperceptible jacket, resolves itself into a beguiling dinner dress.

A coat that leaves the house in the morning with long straight lines is quite likely to return at the end of the day with a high-waisted Empire look, achieved by the addition of a narrow sash belt tucked only in the back. Tie it in a bow at the back and the coat's lines remain straight. Bring the tie around to the front and you've gathered the coat into the high-bustled line affected by the ladies of the Empire.

Expanding Wardrobes

Only Clare Potter would have thought up this one. It is so easily adjusted, so deftly effective. This air of duality in the new fashions gives them lively possibilities. Everyone enjoys clothes that show a little imagination, particularly when they expand the horizon of wardrobe possibilities.

Indicative of the feminine quality in new fashions is the frequent use of chiffon, crepe de Chine, fine voiles. Clare Potter designs a group of graceful, unpretentious party dresses of fine English voile, their double skirts of shade on shade of fabric giving an invitingly luminous quality to the softly gathered skirts whose colours make you think of English gardens filled with delphinium, cinnamon pink, and lavender.

This designer draws on the expert craftsmanship of the British Women's Home Industries for a number of beautifully hand-knit evening and daytime sweaters in intricate patterns made of Crayelle, a rayon spun yarn which is cool in summer. Hand-knit, too, is the collar of an off-shoulder beige linen dress.

With Jane Derby, it's crepe de Chine—most feminine of fabrics. We've missed this fabric for a long time—and welcome it back. This designer uses it in pastel dresses with brief jackets, delicate

waists, small round collars and gently rounded shoulders—the skirts full and swaying, made of alternating bands of plain and striped crepe de Chine.

Velvet Baby Ribbon Back

Short lace dresses of shadowy patterns set off with velvet baby ribbon continue the feminine mood. One full-skirted black lace has an apron front outlined with a finely pleated frill and a band of black velvet baby ribbon—a term that has almost vanished from the modern vocabulary. Clare McDowell scooped most of the designers by "going Empire" as early as 1940. She still indicates the high bustline, but she is quite as likely to gain the same effect with princess lines. Built-up waistbands of silk skirts are also pointed and shaped with bones.

Philip Mangione long ago mastered the secret of making clothes that are at once tailored and feminine. Shoulders still minimize hips, but the padding is softly done. Waistlines of fitted coats and suits are lightly defined. The coat that looks like a dress comes in both single and double-breasted models.

Silk suits, to live in and love, make up a large part of Adele Simpson's wearable collection. They are of crisp taffeta with lined jackets of pure silk prints, of silk shantung, or of pure silk chiffon over zephyr taffeta skirts. Her photogenic necklines, which seem to frame the face, and her interesting use of the "honey" shades, whether in silk serge or taffeta, in chiffon or crisp organza, bring a change from so much spring navy.

Cape Suits and Stocks

Omar Kiam's fashions designed for Ben Reig never fail of distinction. He shows tiered Regency cape coat suits with narrow skirts, softly fitted jackets with three-quarter broadly cut sleeves, worn with high taffeta stocks, silk polka dot dresses, one in heaven blue, a lime yellow wool jacket lined with navy crepe, and useful little short separate coats of Fordismann's Vilrosa, soft and warm and light all at the same time—these all in the fashion-wise. Wool jersey and light-weight tweeds are used for dinner

Tall And Small Women

By Rose Rolland

Apart from the fact that tartans are the leading materials for 1949, they are an answer to the problem which confronts every slim woman of more than ordinary height. By utilising them judiciously, she can apparently take two or three inches from her height, while providing herself with an outfit which is extremely individual.

A woman who is above five feet eight inches is apt to stoop unconsciously—a habit probably acquired during adolescence as she found herself shooting up above her contemporaries. This is fatal, for it immediately calls attention to what she considers her defect. She should remember that the average designer regards height as something to be admired and that, in fact, he usually creates his clothes for the tall, slim matron.

But here are some rules to guide her. She can wear large hats, big flat berets, the smart low-heeled shoes fashionable now. She should see that her clothes are cut on ample lines to prevent that narrow-chested look; her hair dressed in a chignon or tulip bob. A tiny waist will make her look smaller because it will focus the eye at about midriff point. A wide, handsome belt with a skirt in a different colour to her jacket or bodice is what she should aim for in at least one of her outfits.

Dark Piques For Town

Trigere's double-zoke cape coats, in full length or just to the waist, are important in her large versatile collection. A group of dark town piques—in narrow, black, or navy—prove highly effective. One black pique town dress has its narrow coat cut on the lines of that of an Indian rajah, two parallel rows of dainty jet buttons, set vertically, accentuating its length.

Many of Trigere's topsuits are also narrow and straight, one in a cherry, two in a slit. An alpaca coat-dress with pearl buttons cut on princess lines has easy skirt fullness. Trigere also brings back the culotte skirt.

Chic Parisiennes now carry their own ashtrays around with them. They are made in gilt metal and are like tiny cigarette cases with a small handle for the owner to hold while smoking. They snap open.

Essential Simplicity

The small woman, on the other hand, is more generally entered for, although her problems are just as difficult to solve if she does not give careful thought to them. Contrary to most people's ideas on the subject, she should not dress herself up in ruffles, bows and odd bits and pieces.

Simplicity is as essential to her as it is to the tall woman, and she has the additional difficulty of avoiding the "little girl" look. Cloth should keep an open mind on the subject of dress, or they are likely to find themselves at 50 or thereabouts rigidly following the conventions of their girlhood. Her clothes should be well-proportioned, with short jackets (or the appearance of them), fullish skirts, and hats which tend to lead the eye upwards without being exaggerated. She should create an illusion of long-legginess, but avoid too high heels. Her own posture and proportion in her clothes must complement one another.



"Dear Mr. Mamak,
Will you please tell me whether I can have my hair cut short in the New Look, for my face is round and this type requires longer hair. Your early reply will be very much appreciated."
—S.S.

Whether new look or old, I do not advise you to have your hair cut short. A short hair cut will give your face a severe look, which you must avoid at all cost. Severity of any kind will be a great deterrent to the natural, youthful charm which a round face usually possesses.

Have your hair at least shoulder length and keep your coiffure soft and natural looking. Have fullness at temples and above in order to make the face seem a bit longer, narrower—more on the oval side. Of course, you will have to apply the Optical

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PROBLEMS FOR U.S. IMPORTERS

New York, March 19.

Declining prices in the U.S. are giving importers headaches. Foreign goods offered at still inflated prices cannot be sold here. Foreign traders hope the trend of increased imports of the past few years will not be halted or reversed. They realise foreign nations must earn dollars to be able to take exports from the U.S.

America's import total of US\$5,733,000,000 in 1947 rose to US\$7,070,300,000 last year. But already U.S. exports abroad had fallen from US\$15,350,000,000 in 1947 to US\$12,614,200,000 because of the lack of dollars more than any other reason.

With the drop in prices in the U.S. this year, the high priced imports from abroad have little chance of increasing or maintaining previously attained levels, trade sources say.

"Last year's import rise," says the New York Journal of Commerce, "was unquestionably due in large part to the high price level prevailing in the American market which permitted foreigners to sell their products here on a competitive basis."

Most foreign exporters are eager enough to sell to the U.S. and are pushing their export programmes in this direction.

However, unless the prices of many foreign goods are lowered to meet or undersell declining American prices, such export efforts may not be successful, trade sources said.

Production Costs

The Journal of Commerce was pessimistic. The two reasons it gave for such a prospect were:

"1. Foreign producers are going to find it hard to cut production costs sufficiently to meet the drop in the American price level, and

"2. They are subjected to buying pressures from consumers in their own countries and from soft currency areas which will tend to keep prices up outside the dollar area."

Importers are attempting to help relieve the situation by pressing for lower tariffs. This is being done gradually through the mechanism of the reciprocal trade agreements.

But American producers do not want to lose their domestic markets. If the current trend continues, opposition to lowering tariffs on foreign imports would increase—especially in industries most directly affected.—Associated Press.

U.K. Wants To Trade With Israel

London, March 19.

Britain is very anxious to develop trade with Israel, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today.

A commercial representative is being appointed and the provision of normal export credit facilities as far as conditions permit is being considered, he added.

"There are certain difficulties to be ironed out and there will have to be negotiations, but we are taking all the steps open to us at the moment," he said.

Sir Patrick Hannon, Conservative, and President of the National Union of Manufacturers, had asked what is being done to facilitate British commercial interests getting a fair share of Israel's import trade.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

New York, March 19.

The American cargo ship Christian Boy, with a crew of about 40 men, ran aground on Friday at Seabright, New Jersey, 20 miles south of New York, in a swirling snowstorm.

The 7,176-ton vessel, bound from Greece, is in no immediate danger of breaking up, U.S. Coastguards went to the scene.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 19.

The steamer Leo arrived yesterday from Saipan, Hong Kong Transport sailed yesterday for Manila, Monona for Yokohama on Thursday.

Seattle, Idaho arrived from Yokohama yesterday.—Associated Press.

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London Stocks

London, March 19.
Gold stocks were strong and active on the London exchange yesterday. They closed at about the best levels of the day. Support came chiefly from Capetown and local sources.

Thursday's rally in stocks was extended yesterday on renewed speculative demand and week-end short covering. Prices closed higher in most sections including industrial, breweries, tobacco and motors. Financial Times Index: 112.4, up 8.—Associated Press.

Dwindling Demand For N.Y. Stocks

New York, March 19.

Demand for stocks faded yesterday and prices sagged slowly. The decline was not a full-scale retreat. Numerous key issues held their ground and some moved higher.

Turn-over dwindled to 670,000 shares. Of 895 issues traded, 570 declined, 283 advanced. Magnavox rallied 3 1/2 to 13 1/2 after sagging a low for the year on Thursday.

Farnsworth Television and Philco continued downward to new 1949 lows. Farnsworth lost 1/4 at 1 1/4 and Philco lost 3/4 at 30 3/4.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.31, 20 Industrials 178.29, 15 Rails 48.04, 10 Utilities 35.01.—Associated Press.

Delays In Japan Reparations

Manila, March 19.

A Philippine Government officer today accused the United States of arbitrary action in delaying transfer of reparations from Japan.

He was one of several officials who voiced support of General Carlos P. Romulo's statement to the Far Eastern Commission that U.S. indecision on Japan's future promotes chaos in Asia.

Filmon C. Rodriguez, Manager of the National Power Corporation, said: "All our rehabilitation planning and industrial programme is being held back—because our plans included industries built with equipment from Japan."

Mr. Rodriguez, one time alternate delegate to the Far Eastern Commission, said: "The United States is guilty of arbitrary action. There is no reason for the delay except that the United States wants to develop the Japanese."

He asked, "How can it be possible that the Japanese need their present industrial capacity when it was with that capacity that they waged a major war?"

Latest figures given by President Elpidio Quirino's Reparations Advisory Committee show the Philippines has received US\$12,043,973 worth of Japanese equipment.

The U.S. originally directed that five per cent of all interim reparations from various Japanese industrial categories be awarded the Philippines. A machinery transfer has come from one category only, military armaments.

It consists mainly of machine tools and laboratory testing and measuring equipment.

A majority of 3,014 machine tool units lies idle. Officials say this is mainly because power plants expected from Japan have not been forthcoming. The Philippine's war-damaged electric capacity already is overstrained.—Associated Press.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on 23rd, March.

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MINING STRIKE TO GO ON

Philadelphia, March 18.
United Mine Workers today refused to call off their two-week memorial shutdown despite accusations by anthracite operators that the work stoppage is illegal under the terms of the hard coal contract.

Two officials of UMW issued statements upholding the mine suspension shortly after Ralph Taggart, anthracite operators spokesman, reiterated a demand for cancellation of John L. Lewis' no-work order in the hard coal region.

Thomas Kennedy, international vice-president of UMW, rebuked the operators and certain newspapers for attempting to create problems which do not exist.

"There is plenty of prepared coal above ground for normal needs," he said. "It is ridiculous that a five-day shut down could deplete supply when only a short time ago the anthracite producers said they had 'coal running out of their ears.'"

—United Press.

GOLD FOR POLES FROM AMERICA

Washington, March 18.

Poland has made her first withdrawal of gold from the United States in more than a year, withdrawing \$324,996 worth, the Census Bureau reported today.

She gave no explanation for the withdrawal. It was made during the week-end of February 23 from the gold which Poland has on deposit in Federal Reserve Banks.—Reuter.

Bombay, March 18.
Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations and one of the four envoys visiting Commonwealth countries, arrived here today from Karachi on his way to Colombo.

He will leave for Colombo tomorrow, and is expected in New Delhi at the end of the month, where he will meet the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.—Reuter.

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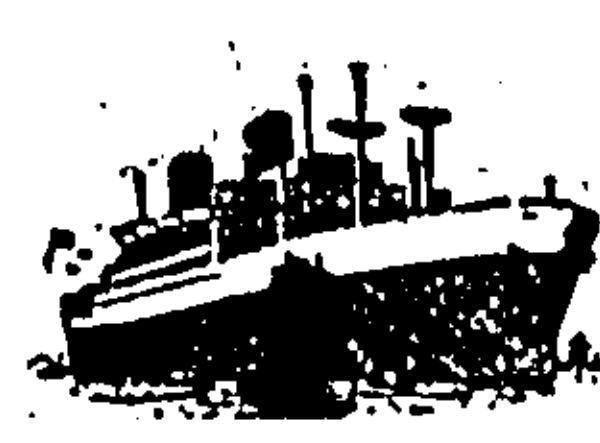
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Sports Section



CLUB "A" WIN COVETED BLARNEY STONE SHIELD

(By "TOUCH-JUDGE")

The final games in the Annual Charity Seven-A-Side Rugby Competition were played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday and resulted in the coveted Blarney Stone Shield being won by Club "A".

There was a large crowd present at the games, which produced much enthusiasm and hard rugby.

On completion of the Tournament, the Shield was presented by Mrs. Madden to John Henderson of the Club "A".

The Band of the 1st Battalion Buffs played several lively selections during the afternoon.

Few of the teams taking part had much understanding of the Sevens game.

Of those taking part I would say that "Temper" Tigers and Civil Service were closest to the game as it is known at Home.

Club "A", the favourites, depended upon their backs, forgetting that their forwards had to obtain a fair share of the ball before their backs could be brought into the picture.

As a result, they very nearly went down to "Temper" Tigers on this account.

The latter probably were the best Sevens in the tournament from the Sevens point of view and I for one was sorry to see them out.

Tonbridge—Civil Service
Tonbridge attacked from kick off, with Eccles and Pritchett outstanding, but Civil Service, with the heavier team, were obtaining the major share of the ball and it was a matter of time before Parker opened the scoring with a try which was literally thrown away by the "Old Boys".

The kick failed.
Next the "evergreen" Tommy Morgan dominated through from the base of the scrum to open Civil Service six points ahead.

This score was followed by an attack by Civil Service in which Small and Wright-Neath were prominent. The game ended however, with the score six points to nil.

Club "A"—Mindr Units
Mindr Units were first to attack, but play went to the other end and D. Henderson took the

SEMI-FINALS Gunnars "A"—Civil Service

The elderly Civil Service side started out to attack and soon had the Gunnars on the defence.

From a scrum on the line, Tommy Morgan went through on the blind side to open the scoring. Half time, 3-0.

In the second half, Allwright's clearance were particularly outstanding and it was noticeable that the Government men were using their heavy forwards to advantage.

Brown of Gunnars got possession of the ball in his own 25 and went straight downfield to score. Tucker bringing out full points to put the Army men ahead by five points to three.

Then one of the best sights of the afternoon, with one minute to go, Civil Service attacked and carried the ball to the Gunnars line.

Whatever one may say about the merits of the penalty kick awarded, which enabled them to win, they merited the victory by sheer hard play and the will to win.

Club "A"—"Tamar Tigers"
Tamar early went ahead from a try by McClement in the corner. Club then attacked but poor handling spoiled their movements and Tamar were definitely on top.

Then Navy scored again through Matthews but the kick again failed. Half time 6-0.

The second half was full of thrills and produced the best and most exciting rugby of the day.

Tamar forwards were definitely on top and were playing a real Sevens game. McClement almost scored after what appeared to be a pass from the ground.

Roy de Rome, gaining possession on his own 25, went right through to open Club's scoring.

Henderson brought out full points 6-5. From the kick off Club came back and Forsgate scored after what appeared to be a pass from the ground.

The kick failed and Club were very fortunate winners indeed by eight points to six.

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The Club "A" rugby team which won the Seven-a-Side rugby tournament yesterday and was presented a shield by Mrs. Madden.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

Home Football Results

London, March 19.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION		SECOND DIVISION					
Birmingham	1	Manchester U. 0	Brentford	1	Bradford	0	
Burnley	0	Wolves	0	Bury	0	Cardiff	3
Charlton	2	Liverpool	1	Chesterfield	0	Plymouth	0
Chelsea	1	Sheffield U. 0	Coventry	4	Grimsby	1	
Everton	1	Villa	3	Leeds	4	Barnsley	1
Manchester C.	1	Blackpool	1	Leicester	1	Southampton	3
Middlesbrough	1	Huddersfield	0	Lincoln	0	Fulham	3
Newcastle	3	Arsenal	2	Sheff. W.	2	Mot. F.	1
Portsmouth	1	Derby	0	Spurs	2	Luton	1
Preston	1	Sunderland	3	West Brom	2	Blackburn	1
Stoke	4	Bolton	0	West Ham	2	Queen's P.R.	0

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)		THIRD DIVISION (Northern)	
Bournemouth	3	Orient	0
Bristol R	0	Southend	0
Bristol C.	0	Bristol C.	0
Ipswich	4	Port Vale	1
Newport	2	Northampton	0
Notts C.	1	Millwall	3
Reading	2	Exeter	0
Swansea	2	Norwich	0
Torquay	1	Brighton	1
Walsall	0	Aldershot	0
Watford	0	Swindon	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"		SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"	
Celtic	3	Partick	0
Dundee	4	Hibernian	3
Falkirk	2	St. Mirren	1
Heart of Midlothian	1	Aberdeen	1
Morton	2	East Fife	0
Motherwell	1	Third Lanark	0
Queen's O'south	1	Albion Rovers	0
Rangers	4	Clyde	0

Airdrieonians	3	Dumbarton	0
Ayr	3	Cowdenbeath	2
Ayr United	8	Dunfermline	1
Barnhill	3	Stirling Alb.	0
Queen's Park	0	Hamilton Aca.	0
Rath Rovers	5	Alloa Athletic	1
Stenhousemuir	0	East Stirling	1
St. Johnstone	1	Kilmarnock	0

Today's Sport

SOCCER		HOCKEY	
GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL HKFA v CNAAP: Club 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Lineup: J. Ward and A.E.P. Guest. (Duration of match will be 90 minutes. An extra time (ten minutes each way) will be played in the event of a draw.)		Cable and Wireless: Boundary Street (Kowloon), 10 a.m.; Umpires: B.R.P.O. Yeomans and Yeo Bize Mathison. Army v HK Police: Sokoonpo, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: G.T. Palmer and Yeo Bize Gater. Khaiwa v Civil Service: King's Park (RNRO) 2, 10 a.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xavier and Mr. Duce, RN. Navy v Dutch H.C.: King's Park (RNRO) 1, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chinell and J.B. Grevel. University v Dockyard: Pokfulam Road, 10 a.m.; Umpires: E.R.A. Miller and L.War Morrison. YMCA v R.A.P.: King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m.; Umpires: J.H. Blinks and Janger Singh.	
BASKETBALL		CRICKET	
First Division Union Team v South China (7 p.m.). Second Division HK Chinese YMCA v Y.M.C.A. (8 p.m.). Ladies' Section Kung Man v South China (8 p.m.).		HKCC "Occasional" v Combined Hong Kong at Chater Road, 11 a.m. Indian Residency Club v HK University at Pokfulam.	
TENNIS		LAWN BOWLS	
All Day American Tennis Tournament at Kowloon Cricket Club.		KBOC Annual Committee v The Rest game at KBOC at 3 p.m.	
WAS NEVER NOTIFIED		BASKETBALL	
Mr. J. Ward, soccer referee, who appeared at the meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA on Friday necessitated an adjournment of the case against Tai Wai of the Police Sports Club, has informed the "Sunday Herald" that he was never officially notified regarding the meeting.		Club "A"—Civil Service This was something of an anti-climax. The veteran Civil Service side, showing signs of fatigue after their earlier trying game, Club took time to settle down and it was five minutes before de Rome opened the scoring from a kick ahead. Henderson missed the kick 3-0. It was unfortunate that one of the Club players resorted to the tactics he did in a loose scrum. However, George Wright-Neath obtaining possession, beat three men and was tackled by running into the backs who were bunched together. Nolan cornered on the touch line kicked ahead and following in his own inimitable style, touched down between the posts to put Club eight points ahead. Club again attacked but the ball went dead and from the ensuing 25 kick, Fitzroy Williams gathered and had little difficulty in forcing his way over to increase the score to 11 points. After some midfield play, D. Henderson ran hard to increase the lead by 14 points to nil the spy kick again failing.	

S. China "A" Defeat Strong Eastern XI; Saints Lose

South China "A" again successfully defended their unbeaten record when they defeated a strong Eastern XI by three clear goals in a First Division soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Although Eastern were strengthened by the inclusion of the three Macao players, Airoso, Carvalho and Pacheco, they could do but little against South China, who were never seriously challenged at any stage of the game.

At Causeway Bay, St. Joseph's lost to Kit Chee by four goals to one, after leading at the interval by one clear goal. Kowloon Motor Bus easily accounted for Kwong Wah in an uninspiring game at Boundary Street, winning by seven goals to two.

S. China "A" 3—Eastern 0

South China played their usual methodical game. Their neat passing was a delight to watch, while the defence more than held its own against the opposing forwards.

Tse Kam-hung, playing in the pivotal position for South China, was in great form and completely monopolised the centre of the field. He positioned himself well and held the Eastern inside trio in a vice-like grip.

Eastern showed spasms of cohesion, but against the bustling tactics of the South China players, they could make but little headway.

Neither Carvalho nor Pacheco were seen to advantage, although both were hard triers throughout.

Airoso, who usually plays in the centre his berth did not seem at all comfortable at right half.

Kicking off against a strong wind which made it extremely difficult, Eastern carried the play into the South China end of the field, but their forwards were weak in their finishing.

South China then took up the running and after play had been in progress for about five minutes, Fung King-cheung gave the lead when he netted with a powerful rising shot which struck the crossbar before rebounding into the net.

Play continued at a fast pace, with both sides attacking live minutes. Yu Yu-tak in the South China goal brought off two very good saves when he deflected hard drives by Lee Hung-kee and Carvalho.

Lau Fook-chuen, the Eastern inside left, had a hard luck when he sent in a fast ground shot which had Yu Yu-tak all the way, but the ball went on the wrong side of the upright.

At the other end, Chu Wing-keung also came near to scoring with a well directed shot, but Leung Ting-long, the Eastern custodian, was playing a fine game.

Chu Wing-keung brought spectators to their feet when, after beating three Eastern defenders by clever dribbling, he shot with the mark with only Leung to beat.

Half time came with South China leading by the only goal of the first half.

On resumption, South China enjoyed a greater share in the ball and were prominent in a series of well executed raids on the Eastern goal.

A free kick just outside the Eastern penalty area spell danger, but a pile-driver by Lau Ching-sang, taking the free kick, was blocked by the Eastern defenders, who had packed their goal.

Chu Wing-keung again came into the limelight when he connected a high cross pass in the air and sent in a crashing drive with his left foot. His effort was well saved by Leung.

Eastern broke away once more and for a period stormed the South China goal, but the first time tackling of the South defenders prevented them from getting in a decent shot at goal.

With time growing short, South China redoubled their efforts and were rewarded when Tin-Hip-po netted after Fung King-cheung had drawn the opposing defence.

Just before time, Chu Wing-keung rounded off a splendid afternoon's work by scoring the third and last goal of the match with a fast ground shot which gave Leung no chance.

S. China "A": Yu Yu-tak, Cheung Shu-ling, Chang Kam-ho, Tai Chun-wah, Fung King-cheung, Chu Wing-keung, Tin Hip-po and Tai Kam-ho.

Eastern: Leung Ting-long, Koni Sing-king, Lam Tak-od, Airoso, Lau Hong-sun, Lai Kik-wong, Lee

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION		SECOND DIVISION	
S. China "A"	3	Eastern	0
Kit Chee	4	St. Joseph's	1
Kwong Wah	2	KM Bus	7
Navy	3	Club	0
Army HK	2	Dockyard	1
Kit Chee	2	P.C.A.	1
KM Bus	4	Solicitors	7
St. Joseph's	0	Army Kln.	2
Chinese AA	0	WD Chinese	0

KCC Tennis Tournament

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club playing in today's all-day American Tennis Tournament are requested to be at the Club early, as no matches can be started until all players are present.

The list was closed two days ago with the full quota of 32 players signifying their willingness to play. The days tennis will start at 10.45 a.m.

Entry forms for the Clubs Spring Tennis tournaments are now available at the Club. Entries will close on the April 1, and there are five events in all consisting of Ladies' Singles and Doubles Handicaps, Men's Singles and Doubles Handicaps and a Mixed Doubles.

The Committee hope to finish this tournament by the middle of May, when they will hold the Club Championships and in order to keep to their time table competitors will be notified when they have to play their games of and in the event of their not doing so, they will be scratched.

Omar and Xavier showed plenty of speed on the wings and put in some good centres.

Saints had a powerful intermediate line with Rumjahn at left half. Rumjahn had Kwok King-ki bottled up and had it not been for his sound display, Kwok would have netted more goals.

Whenever he was up against Rumjahn, Kwok was never dunn, yet he performed the "hat trick".

Leonard won the toss and decided to play with the wind. Saints took up the attack right from the start and Omar received a nice pass from Rumjahn to go through on his own and send the ball across to Castilho who failed when well placed.

The Saints kept on attacking and Kit Chee's goal had some narrow shaves. Rumjahn was seen in some neat movements with Gomes and Omar.

After 15 minutes, Saints opened the scoring through Xavier who netted with a very low drive.

Gomes, Castilho and Hsu all missed easy chances of scoring.

Just before the interval, Gomes failed to score when given a good pass by Xavier. Half time saw the Saints leading by a single goal.

After the breather it was all Kit Chee's game as they had the wind in their favour. Chu Foo equalised with a hard drive to the left hand corner of the net.

Kwok gave his team the lead from a penalty kick against Leonard for "hands" and not long after Kwok scored from close range. Before the end, he completed his hat trick with a brilliant header following a corner kick.

St. Joseph's—Leck, Rocha, Tse Chung-tak, Fernandez, Leonard and Rumjahn, Xavier, Castilho, Hsu King-sing, Gomes and Omar.

Kit Chee—Chu Shui-hang, Fok Yu-wah, Lo Wai-kuen, Lee Fung-chui, Yau Wah-shing, Woo Chi-chung, Tam Kwong-sun, Kwok Ying-ki, Chu Foo, Yu Cheuk-yuen and Wong King-chung.

Kwong Wah 2—KMB 7
In a slow, uninteresting game at Boundary Street yesterday, the Kowloon Motor Bus walked easily all over the First Division League cellar dwellers, Kwong Wah, to win by seven goals to two.

The busmen had complete control of the game, and did practically whatever they liked.

Kwong Wah: Tam Woon-cheuk, Tang Yee-chai, Leung Pak-wai, Wong Chi-wan, Leung Pak-wai, Ng Kau-kwong, Ng Yuen-chi, Lau Tak-ook, Lau Wai-man, Tang Man-tin and Lau Wing-hip.

KMB: Tam Kwan-kon, Mok Lam-fook, Tam Chun-fai, Tang Bum, Hung Shing-pak, Tam Wook-shing, Chu Chi-fai, Lee Chai-fai, Tang Yee-ki, Chu Man-chi and Lee Tai-fai.

ENGLAND XV WIN
London, March 19
England beat Scotland by 19 points to three in the Rugby Union International match at Twickenham this afternoon. At half time, England led by three points to nil—Ruler.

England's forwards were superb in the scrum and maul, and the backs were superb in the line-out and in the open play.

Scotland's forwards were also superb in the scrum and maul, but the backs were not so good in the line-out and in the open play.

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